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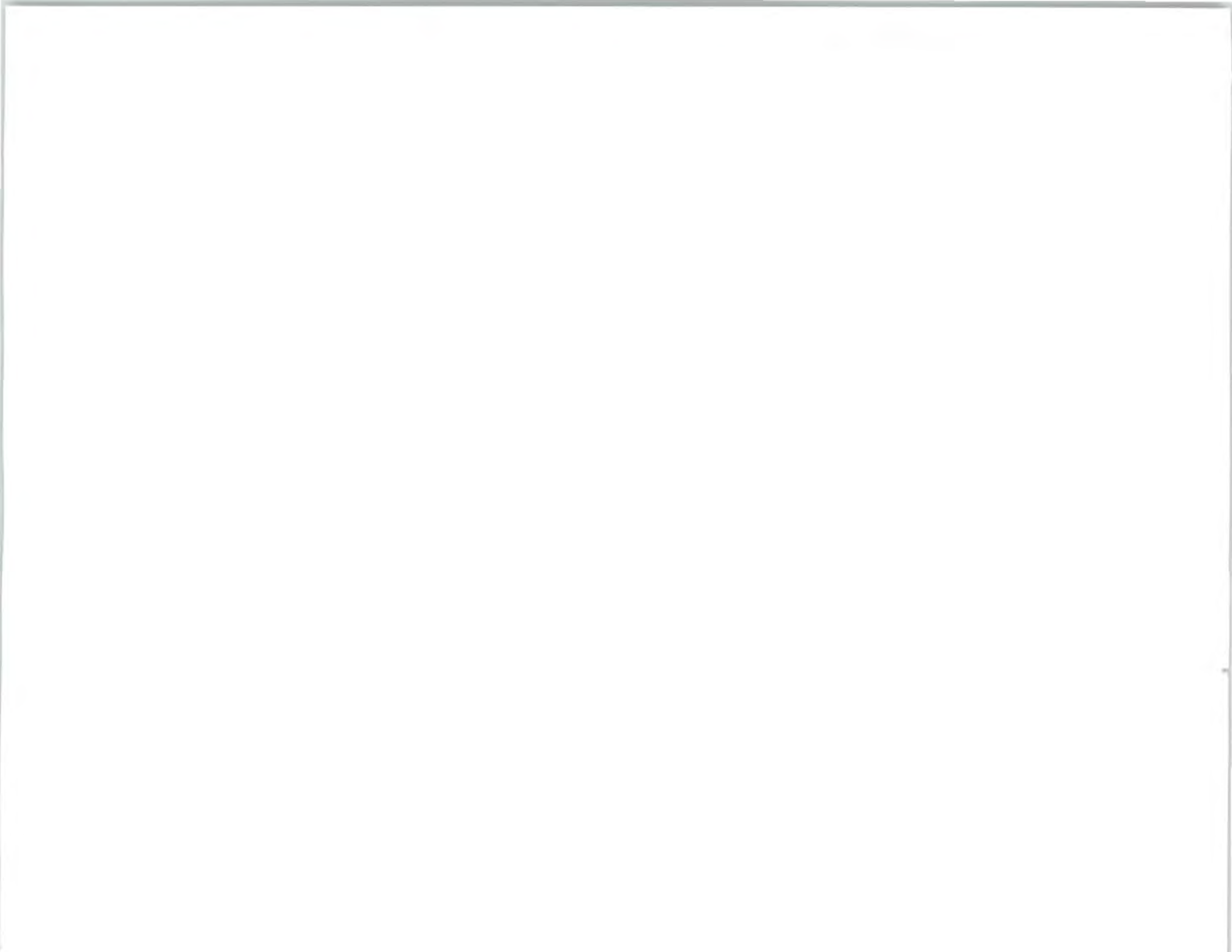
Eastern President Bill Perry and Student Body President Ed Hotwagner along with members of Panther Nation cheer on the football team during Eastern's victory over Illinois State University Thursday, Sept., 1, 2011, at O'Brien Field. The game marked the 100th time the two schools have faced each other.

PHOTO | OLIVIA ANGELOFF



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Behind the gates of Eastern, may seems like a small university in the sleepy town of Charleston, but it's more than the typical place of learning and fun, it's an experience one has to go through to understand. Eastern is not defined by anything specific, but to students Eastern will always be apart of how they define themselves.

Before we start at Eastern we are told, "You Are EIU!" But what does this mean? Sure, it's a great day to be a Panther, but what does it mean to be a Panther.

No one knows these definitions and that is where the yearbook comes into play. We want to answer the deepest question: How do you define Eastern?

Through stories and photos we want to try to answer this question. By showing different aspects of campus from student life to athletics and academics to organizations we hope to truly understand what Eastern is.



Cadets attempt to assemble and disassemble the M-4 Carbine at the U.S. Weapons Lab in McAfee Gym Thursday Jan. 26, 2012. The weapons lab gave the cadets the opportunity to handle weapons, including the M-2 .50-caliber machine gun, M-4 Carbine, M-9 9mm pistol, M249 machine gun, M240B machine gun and Mark 19 grenade launcher, before going to the firing range later this year.
PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI



Ashade Pearce, a guitarist for the Sierra Leone Refugee All-Stars, performs to a dancing audience Sunday, April 17, 2011, in the Dvorak Concert Hall in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.
PHOTO | SETH SCHROEDER



Participants behave like 5-year-olds after being hypnotized by Frederick Winters, whose visit Sunday, Aug. 21, 2011, in the Grand Ballroom of the MLK Jr. Union, marked the ninth straight year the entertainer has performed at Eastern.

PHOTO | KIMBERLY FOSTER



Grace Gustafson, a sophomore English major, prepares to smash the bumper off a car during the Residence Hall Association's car smash at the Homecoming tailgate at O'Brien Field Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011.
PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI



A fan holds up a sign at Mike Posner as he performs during the University Board spring concert Saturday, April 23, 2011, in Lantz Arena. He performed some of his hits like, "Bow Chicka Wow Wow," "Cooler Than Me" and "Drug Dealer Girl."

PHOTO | AUDREY SAWYER

student life.

The college life of a student begins during that first memorable weekend on campus. Saying goodbye to your parents after battling the sweltering heat and lack of elevators in many residence halls during move-in day. Meeting new friends at your first floor meeting, and dancing the “Panther Shuffle” at First Night, before the first true day of college. These events only mark the start of the college experience.

As you move forward through students’ college careers, pieces of their experiences show an image of the student experience. All of these pieces have similarities, first weekend, Homecoming, the first party or numerous concerts on campus, but every student has a different perspective. These perspectives, looked at individually, show a student’s particular vision of college life, but it is impossible to see the whole picture. When all the perspectives are combined, a panorama of student life can be seen that as a whole is undefined.

Staff Sgt. Jared Gough of the 101st Airborne lands at O'Brien Field's 50-yard line after parachuting with the American flag before Eastern's football game against ISU Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011.
PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI



LOOKING BACK

Campus reflects on the events of 9/11

Thick, black smoke slithers its way higher and higher into the sky. Ash covers every car, store and stop sign within eye site; Manhattan looks like a grey winter wonderland.

Two towers lay as rubble on the streets of New York City and an entire nation is forever changed.

The events of 9/11 left America feeling sad, angry and confused. Ten years later the effects of that day still remain.

It is 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001; Charles Foy, a history professor, is stuck in traffic in Brooklyn near the Brooklyn Bridge. While he is across the way in Manhattan, he watches as the first tower crumbles and a black cloud of smoke fills the sky.

For Foy, the attacks were much more personal because New York City is where he was born and raised.

Foy used to pass the World Trade Center every morning before work and once they were gone it was a feeling of emptiness he said.

"The place that I knew, it changed, in a way that, I didn't know how it changed but it changed," Foy said.

It is not a day that Foy wants to remember, and he sees 9/11's 10th anniversary as, "a continual reminder of something profoundly sad," Foy said.

Halfway around the world in Freiburg, Germany, Sgt. Michael Ruybal felt the immediate effects of 9/11.

Ruybal, now Eastern's veterans coordinator, was called into action the day of the attacks.

"For me to watch the towers fall, it meant this is business time and this is what we do," Ruybal said.

Within two months of 9/11, Ruybal was in Kuwait training to invade Afghanistan. After



Front page of The Daily Eastern News on Sept. 11

four months in Kuwait, Sgt. Ruybal was sent into Afghanistan where he stayed for 18 months. He then spent another three years in Iraq.

This may seem like an extreme sacrifice but Ruybal said he was just doing the job he had to do.

"We're not the ones who run away, we are the ones that walk into it," Ruybal said.

Ten-year-old Jenna Mosconi, sat in her fifth grade social studies classroom as her teacher



Eric Jansen (left), a junior sports management major, and Colby Rothrock, a senior kinesiology major, watch the fireworks display during the halftime show of Eastern's football game against ISU Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011, at O'Brien Field. The halftime show was in honor of 9/11.

PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI

and her classmates watched the events of that day play out.

Mosconi, now a junior dietetics major, had no idea what was happening at the time and did not realize the impact that day would have on her and the rest of the country.

"I knew what happened wasn't good, but I didn't know it would change so much," Mosconi said.

The events of 9/11 hit close to home for Mosconi. She has had several friends go to war, and one of them did not come back.

"He would not of gone over there if it wasn't for 9/11," Mosconi said.

Not all Americans watched a tower fall from the streets of New York, or were sent off to war, but all Americans can still feel what that day did to this nation. Not just on the 10th anniversary does America remember 9/11, everyday Americans remember.

STORY | OLIVIA ANGELOFF

Eastern is...

my second
home.

Da Best+++++

better than
I thought
it would
be

a jungle gym for your
dreams, thoughts, and
aspirations.

the
HARVARD OF THE
MIDWEST.

a place to learn
and grow.

the start of
my kickass future

chill.

da bomb diggity.

Where my
parents MET!



My home
away from
Home!

Cheap drinks
and priceless
memories

the place
where I finally
became my own
Person

where I get away
from problems at
home.

Where I met my
new family

an unimaginable,
unforgettable place
that words can't
describe

a place to find yourself

home away
from home

one big
blackout
experience

The best
time I've
ever had.

where I met my
best friend

a launching
point for new
adventures

a unique
community
of students!

Overheard on campus

...just when you thought NO ONE was
listening, **CHECK AGAIN.**

I can't handle this anymore.
I need to take my clothes off.

Today is just a day I decided
not to wear underwear.

I'm so broke I can't even afford Ramen Noodles. That's pathetic.

It's cold. Is that real water?

Girl: It's a lovely day for yo-yoing
Boy: Yes, I could yo-yo all day

Who is this girl? What does she want? Why does she say I drove her to Champaign?

There's a beaver in Carman Pond!

Person 1: What position do you want on exec board?
Person 2: Bent over.

His mom was like, 'So, you like girls, but are dating my son?' It was awkward because I've only met her a few times.

Girl: Where is your coat? It's cold outside; you're gonna get a cold.
Boy: I don't need a coat, I'm a gangsta.

My pants are making strange noises.



Danielle Slyder, a sophomore art education major, lowers herself from the rock climbing wall at Quaking in the Quad Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011 in the South Quad. Quaking in the Quad's theme was "Boot Camp," and the rock climbing wall was accompanied by a giant trampoline, bingo and an obstacle course.
PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI

FIRSTWEEK

Is Eastern what incoming freshmen imagined?

Quiet, peaceful and boring are definitely not the words that I used to tell my mom about my first weekend at Eastern.

Fortunately, I got to move in a day before the tsunami of people washed over campus, so I spent a good chunk of Thursday, Aug. 18, 2011, people watching.

From my observations, I can deduce three things about the average college freshman.

First, most freshmen beg for their parents to leave, but when it is time for the moms and dads to depart, they cry.

Second, after the parents leave each freshman goes through a slight withdrawal phase followed by an immediate realization of freedom.

And lastly, I found that freshmen would accept the self-imposed challenge of keeping up with upperclassmen, which leads to a nasty bathroom on Friday morning.

After I learned my way around, (except for Coleman Hall, I think I will forever be confused by that building) and figured out which “food” sources to stay away from, I think I have a pretty good grasp of how my life will be this year.

So far, I love this school, between getting serenaded on Doudna’s steps to the waffles in Taylor.

After talking to my friends at different schools, I realized that there is no other school like mine, and that’s exactly how I like it.

STORY | FELICIA DARNELL



Above | Jenny Jownson, a senior elementary education major and EIU dancer, performs the “Panther Step” during First Night Sunday, Aug. 21, 2011. The EIU Dancers were accompanied by the Boys of Poison, DramatyK Xpressions and the Pink Panthers.

Right | Blackjack dealer, former Eastern student and current admissions counselor Omar Solomon laughs as he wins a hand against Tiffanee Jelks, an Eastern graduate (left), and Kayla Napue, a senior special education major, Friday, Aug. 19, 2011, in the MLK Jr. Union’s Grand Ballroom.

PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI



What did others think?

“Overwhelming.”

Megan Neu, a freshman health studies major

“Kick Ass. But I guess exceptional is more appropriate.”

Chelsea Doud, a freshman political science major

“Incredible.”

Allison Nemmer, a freshman special education major

“Exciting.”

Stephanie Glassco, a freshman undecided major

“A night I won’t remember.”

Kate Murphy, a freshman kinesiology major



Above | Julie Huck, a senior health studies major, presents her final tattoo three years after she started it.

REVEALED/INK

Student expresses her love for tattoos, exposes it to all

Petite, baby-faced, and polite, Julie Huck is the last person anyone would expect to have a tattoo that covers about 25 percent of her body.

It started on her 18th birthday. Huck, now a senior health studies major, sat in the tattoo artist's chair at Bulldog Tattoo in Crystal Lake for about 10 hours.

"[The tattoo] was vines and roses on my spine," she said, explaining how the tattoo got started.

"I always had low self-esteem so I thought that adding things to my body would bring out the beauty in myself as well as my creativity. I always tried to be different," she said.

At first the tattoo was just a tattoo, she said. But eventually it took on a new meaning.

"After becoming more involved with [the tattoo], however, it started to create its own meaning, beauty. It turned into a wonderful piece of art and I cherish it for that," she said.

The rest is history. Now, a 21-year-old, Huck's body beautification is finally finished.

She has spent a large amount of time, energy, and dedication on the work of art that takes up her entire left side, mid-back, right hip, and upper right leg.

Her tattoo, which is made up of winding, art nouveau vines and leaves that weave around stunning roses, displays her graceful persona.

Huck gets varied reactions, but her parents are supportive.

"My parents were very welcoming on my love for body art," she said.

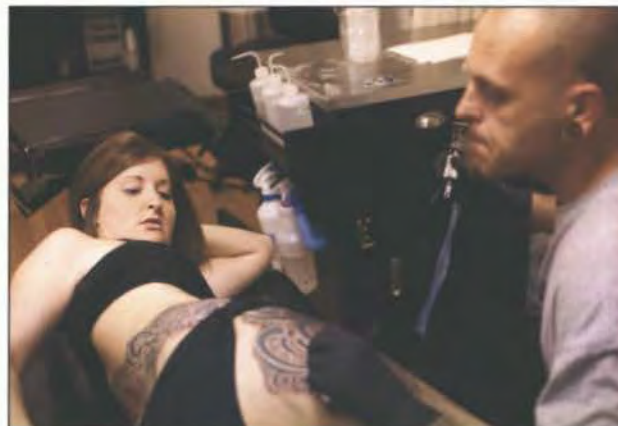
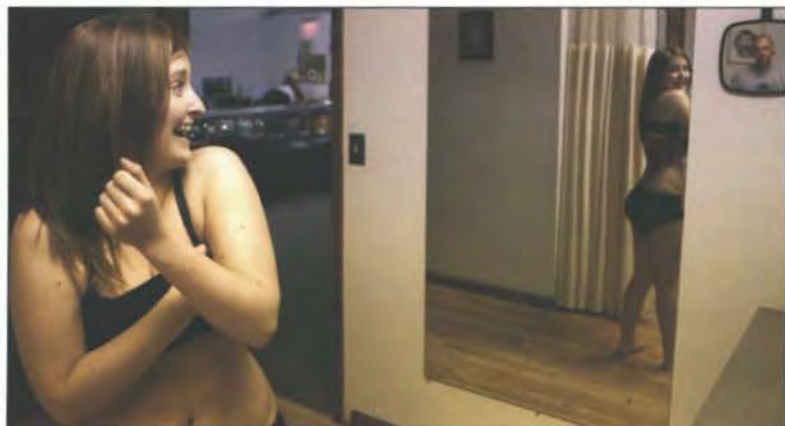
Her peers on the other hand are in the dark. A majority of them don't know, but that doesn't mean that she wouldn't get more she said.

"If I could...I would have them visible. I would go crazy," she said.

Huck is a picture of congeniality, and she has no problems talking about her ink, or showing it to anyone who is curious.

"I'm so proud of my tattoo because it was planned for me, it fits the curves of my body perfectly. I think it enhances my [natural] beauty," she said.

STORY | FELICIA DARNELL



Above | Julie Huck, waits as Johnny Wilder, the owner of Poor Boys Tattoo and Piercing, works on her back on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011. This was the start of a two and a half hour session that completed Huck's tattoo. Poor Boys is located at 820 Lincoln Ave.

Below Left | Huck takes a first look at her newly completed tattoo. Huck has been working on this tattoo since she was 18-years-old. The only process left for Huck is to wait for the tattoo to heal and come back for touchups.

Below right | Huck turns on her side as Wilder works on her right leg. The tattoo goes from her ribs, across the middle of her back then down her right hip and leg.

PHOTOS | DANNY DAMIANI

IT ALL ENDS HERE

Harry Potter saga over, will live on forever in students' lives

Only a few movie franchises have managed to make a worldwide impact. Star Wars, Lord of the Rings and Star Trek have all made a lasting impact on people around the world.

The 14-year-old saga has changed many lives all around the world. The lives of some are built around the Harry Potter franchise; reading the books, seeing the movies, playing the games.

But now, it's all over. The last book was released in July 2007, and the final movie "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2" was released Friday, July 15, 2011.

At Eastern, the Harry Potter Club is trying to move past the end of the series and focus on ways to keep Harry Potter alive and in the minds of students.

Morgan Gardner, the co-vice president of the club, said the draw of Harry Potter will always remain for students.

"The appeal is that we don't think that just because the movie stopped coming out and J.K. Rowling finished writing the series that we should forget about it completely," Gardner said. "The books and movies still exist, as do discussions and crafts for such, so we always have something to do."

Crafts can range from making bracelets to members' own versions of the Weasley's famous clock.

"The only thing we can do as a club is continue to relive the moments we love in the books and the movies as much as we can, and spread the story of Harry Potter as much as possible," said Morgann Woodruff, a sophomore English major and the club's secretary.

Besides the crafts and activities, Potter fans can also participate in Eastern's Quidditch team.

Michelle Bird, a sophomore accounting

major, serves as the treasurer for the Harry Potter Club, and also works as the Quidditch coordinator. The team is a part of the Intercollegiate Quidditch Association, and competes against schools in the area.

"It gives Harry Potter members a chance to play the famous game of Quidditch and have fun with it," Bird said.

"You don't forget your childhood," said Kaitlyn Gabric, a sophomore special education and early childhood education major, and co-vice president with Gardner. "If you ask any Harry Potter fan, that's what (Harry Potter) is. We grew up with it. The issues don't go away, and as college students we can deal with the deeper issues of the series, and it's so fun that we can hang out, do crafts and be with friends."

STORY | SHEA LAZANSKY

What does Harry Potter mean to you...

They've just been a part of my childhood and I just love watching the movies and reading the books!

-Lauren Hoppenstead, sophomore undecided

It has shown me that believing in yourself is the best thing you could ever do. Confidence is a key part of a person. When any opposition faces you, if you're confident in yourself and the best outcome, everything will work out for the best.

-Amanda Loehr, sophomore English

It has shown me that just because you don't have many friends, you can have a few good friends and it can make your life better. Also that anybody can become a friend whether you believe it at first or not.

-Allie Salo, senior recreation administration

I think it's the most popular series of the decade; I think that fact that it has constantly gotten bigger and bigger makes people from all over more interested in what is a now a big phenomenon.

-Chuck Gawle, sophomore kinesiology & sports studies

I think a lot of people have become really obsessed with it. Some people take it way too seriously.

-Sam Rosell, junior special education

It seems like it has always been a big part of my life. It's something that I will be able to hopefully share with my kids, and show them something that my generation grew up with.

-John Pogue, junior kinesiology & sports studies

PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI







NEWTALENT

Pink Panthers offer preparation classes before tryouts

As one season ends another begins for the Pink Panther dance team. To prepare for 2011-2012 season tryouts, the Pink Panthers offered open clinics.

This is the first year the Pink Panthers have held these clinics.

"It's \$5 for someone outside the team to come and take a class in preparation for tryouts," said Angelike Chiligris, a sophomore business management major.

The \$5 charge for each class goes to hiring choreographers to come in and work with the dancers.

According to coach Lisa Dallas, those who attend and pay for the clinics, will receive a reduced price off of the \$25 audition fee.

Open clinics were the week before tryouts began; during the clinic dancers worked on technique and routines.

"It's helpful for people to come and work with us and find out what we really do," Cassie Short, a junior biology major, said. "They will come and see the skills you need for tryouts, prepare for tryouts,



Kristin Pierce, a senior communication studies major, performs a Jeté during a Pink Panther clinic in McAfee Dance Studio on Wednesday, March 20, 2011.
PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI

and hopefully have more people."

Dallas said she got the idea for these clinics after girls kept approaching her about the team.

"This gives them an opportunity to participate and see if this is something they are interested in," Dallas said.

The clinics also help dancers prepare for auditions, which are run differently this year. This year Dallas asked the people auditioning to choreograph their own dance to pre-selected music for first cuts.

According to Dallas, those who make the first cut will

learn a dance that they will then perform for the judges the same day.

"When I started the Pink Panthers I came to meet people, and I had been dancing since I was two," Short said. "It's an awesome way to meet people and be involved with the school."

After the 2011-2012 team is selected, the team will begin practicing right away.

The team will attend two summer practices and a summer camp at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

STORY | BETH STEELE

Angelike Chiligris, a sophomore business management major, stretches before working on technique during a Pink Panther team clinic.
PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI

YOUNG LOVE

As of November 2011, all of these couples were very happy and proud of their relationships. Whether it is long distance or engaged, love is in the air.

THE NEW COUPLE

Lucas Magee and Mackinzee Smith:

Lucas Magee, a sophomore communication disorders and sciences major, said he knew he liked Mackinzee Smith, a junior biology major, last year when he met her at Resident assistant training. But he scared her when he unintentionally followed her home.

The next year when they came back to school for training he knew that he needed to do something to prove to her that he was not creepy.

"He made it funny," Smith said. "He came up to me and was like, 'Hi, I was the guy that stalked you last year.'"

That led to a great friendship, because Magee works in Thomas Hall and Smith works in Andrews Hall. Their work relationship led to the beginning of a relationship only three short weeks ago.

"There is added stress of being an RA and balancing everything, but we make it work," Magee said.



THE LONG DISTANCE COUPLE

Jessi Smith and Ryan Bressner:

She lives here, he lives there, and that is all they have known.

Jessi Smith, a junior elementary education major, and Ryan Bressner, a senior sports administration major at Southern Illinois-Carbondale, have always been a long distance couple, but they make it work.

"I have my own friends here ... and he has his own thing there," Smith said. "If we went to school together, I would be more dependent on him and I like not having to depend on him."

Since it is all she has ever known, Smith said she does not wish that she had college any other way. It works for them, she says, because they talk when they can and that's how they have always known it.

THE SAME-SEX COUPLE

Sean Callihan and Jordan Rozycki:

Brothers who are dating?

Sean Callihan, a senior special education major, and Jordan Rozycki, a senior kinesiology and sports studies major, are Chi Phi brothers and have been in a committed relationship for two and a half years.

They say being in a relationship does not make school harder but easier because they have each other to lean on.

As a same-sex couple, Callihan says he feels he and Rozycki do not have to deal with anything major on this campus but they have to worry about the rest of their lives.

"We have to be more careful showing affection and planning a future," Callihan said, agreeing with Rozycki. "Planning our future involves us looking at places not just in terms of it being safe but also friendly."

They agree, just like on most things involving their relationship, that they make their relationship work with rules and discussion on everything from small concerns to major topics.



THE ENGAGED COUPLE

Holly Park and Corey Pankow:

Dating for more than five years and engaged for about a year, Holly Park, a senior accounting and finance major, and Corey Pankow, a junior sociology major, seem to have the perfect equation to make a relationship work.

"We make our relationship work by mainly compromise, humor and listening," Park said.

She said she believes no relationship can work if the people in it do not give and take.

After compromising you have to sprinkle in a bit of humor, according to Park.

"By being serious all the time, it can cause hardships and who knows what else, so by joking around and having fun keep everything a lot better for us," Park said.

Compromise and humor have one last major counterpart in order to make a relationship last especially through college, listening.

"If you can compromise and listen to each other you can make it through any situation," Park said.



THE MARRIED COUPLE

Katrina and Anthony Nowaczyk :

"Having a wife around made me more responsible," said Anthony Nowaczyk, a senior elementary education major, about his wife, Katrina, a senior psychology major.

They went to high school together and have been dating since Katrina was a freshman and Anthony was a senior in high school, but getting married meant that Katrina and Anthony could move in together while still going to school.

"Everything changed at once because I lived with my parents until I got married," Katrina said. "I feel like I have less time for school work, but it's more because I moved out of my parents' house and less because I got married."

Katrina said she felt once people are married they realize all the things that they really wanted to do they can no longer do.

"I can't just up and study abroad in France for a semester," Katrina said.

They agree that their social life changed but neither regrets getting married.

THE QUEER COUPLE

Molly Ferris and Dani Braden:

With a relationship dating back three years Dani Braden, of Zion, and Molly Ferris, a sophomore psychology major, have been through a lot including long distance dating, but the most recent obstacle throw in their way was changing from a gay couple to a queer couple through a sex change operation.

This change has made going out in public and doing couple activities harder for them.

"I feel like I have to watch my back when I go out into the world," said Ferris.

Ferris said in order to deal with the added stress of being a queer couple, you have to pick your battles and rely on each other to get through it.

"He is my best friend with that chemistry and that is what I always wanted," said Ferris.



GREEKWEEK

Sororities and fraternities tug it out

CHAMPIONTIMES

$\Sigma\Phi\epsilon$ defeated $\Sigma\Nu$ IN 1:30

$\Sigma\Pi$ defeated $\Sigma\chi$ IN 0:38

$\Lambda\Phi$ defeated $\Delta\Delta\Delta$ IN 1:59

Big Men

Little Men

Sorority

1st

Sigma Pi

Sigma Phi Epsilon

Alpha Phi

2nd

Sigma Chi

Sigma Nu

Delta Delta Delta

3rd

Sigma Phi Epsilon

Sigma Pi

Sigma Sigma Sigma



Above | An Alpha Sigma Alpha fan holds a sign for her team before its tug during the second day of tugs. Alpha Sigma Alpha had a one minute tug with Alpha Phi and lost on Wednesday, April 6, 2011.

Center | Members of Sigma Nu celebrate after their victory over Lambda Chi Alpha during the second day of tugs. The tug lasted 3 minutes and 49 seconds before Lambda Chi was pulled into the pond.

Right | Stephanie Gloede, a senior career technology education major, looks to see if the Alpha Gamma Delta tugs team has gone in the water during the second day of tug.

PHOTOS | DANNY DAMIANI





In it to win it

Sororities and fraternities up for the challenge

Pyramids

First Place | Fraternity
Lambda Chi Alpha

First Place | Sorority
Delta Zeta

Airband

First Place | Fraternity
Lambda Chi Alpha

First Place | Sorority
Kappa Delta

Trivia Night

First Place | Fraternity
Beta Theta Pi

First Place | Sorority
Alpha Phi

Greek Sing

First Place | Fraternity
Sigma Phi Epsilon

First Place | Sorority
Delta Delta Delta

Overall winners

Fraternity

First Place
Sigma Phi Epsilon
Second Place
Lambda Chi Alpha
Third Place
Sigma Nu

Sorority

First Place
Alpha Gamma Delta
Second Place
Delta Delta Delta
Third Place
Alpha Phi



Left | Rob Curtis, of Lambda Chi Alpha, and Ansu Durgut, of Delta Zeta, are crowned king and queen during the Greek Week Coronation ceremony in between Airband performances on Saturday, April 2, 2011, in Lantz Arena.

PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI

Above | Aindrea Hogan and Sarah Crawford, sophomore communication studies majors and members of Delta Delta Delta, celebrate winning first place at the Greek Sing Competition Sunday, April 3, 2011 in Lantz Arena.

Right | Sigma Chi sing country hits during the Greek Sing Competition.

PHOTOS | AUDREY SAWYER



LEGIT.

Competition drives intramural team

One sentence by Greg Orlando says it all: "We like winning."

Once the winning ball started rolling, they couldn't stop it, Orlando, a senior sports management major, said of his intramural team, Legit as Balls.

If Eastern students have entered into an intramural tournament from 2008 to 2012, chances are they've seen or heard about Orlando's team.

Since his freshman year, Orlando has been involved in intramurals. He said when he and his friends, Ryan McNulty, a junior sociology major, and Michael Jankovich, a senior sociology major, started the team they planned to play in every sport possible.

In order to do that, Legit as Balls has about 20 members join the team, participating in different sports throughout its four-year lifespan.

While Legit as Balls has participated in four out of eight fall intramural team tournaments, Orlando said his team never practices.

Despite the lack of practice, Legit as Balls

won the volleyball championship in the fall 2011 semester.

The team has participated in residence hall tournaments, too, in which they have won the football and wiffleball tournaments.

But what keeps them going? The competition.

Besides the fun of the sport, Orlando said each member is competitive. After the first win, the team wanted to play all the sports.

Orlando said he hopes Legit as Balls will live on and keep competing in intramurals regardless of the majority of members being upperclassmen.

"It will be tough to keep the winning tradition going on after we graduate," Orlando said.

He believes Legit as Balls will keep going at least one more year after the 2012 graduation. The team plans to participate in basketball, softball, indoor kickball and indoor soccer during the spring semester.

STORY | AMANDA WILKINSON
PHOTOS | ZACHARY WHITE



John Grubisich
senior history major



Austin Bellino
senior elementary education major



Michael Jankovich
senior sociology major



Greg Orlando
senior sports management major



Peter Nojiri
senior business major



Kristen Bertucci, a senior recreation administration major, empties out the contents of her bag onto the seat next to her. Bertucci said her small drawstring bag is purely academic.

What's in your bag?

We asked students on campus to turn over their bags and fill us in on what they carry daily. From overflowing purses to the bare minimum, you can find just about anything floating around campus.

PHOTOS | SHEA LAZANSKY



Megan Wilson, a senior Music Education major, keeps the essentials, such as her planner, deodorant, pens and socks in her bag.



Kathryn McIntosh, a freshman undecided major, keeps the contents of her bag spread out across her bed. "Whatever class I have, I carry those supplies with me," McIntosh said.



Collin Campbell, a senior environmental biology major, carries his laptop, headphones, and notebook with him throughout the day. Campbell makes things easier on himself by keeping his items "as minimal as possible."



Michael Rosinia, a senior communications studies major, keeps the contents of his backpack out on a table for easy access. Rosinia describes what he keeps with him. "Whatever. It really matters whether or not I'm going back to my place," Rosinia said.



STUDENTMOMS

The challenge of balancing education and raising a child

Most students go to class, study and work. But imagine taking care of a child on top of everything else.

This is what student parents deal with on a regular basis. It is no secret that being a student mom is a challenge. From the smell of changing dirty diapers or the sink piled up

with bottles and 'sippy cups,' motherhood can be a tough and stressful job.

The Eastern Student Parent Association (E-Spa), a Registered Student Organization, is a support network for the parents who attend Eastern.

E-Spa was established in September 2004 by Jocelyn Phillips and Teresa Green.

E-Spa was started to ensure that students with families were provided with academic support, appropriate child-care, family-oriented activities and a voice on campus. Meetings are held at 5 p.m. every Thursday in the Wesley Foundation.

Lydia Ramos, the president of E-spa and mother of 2-year-old Taliyah Ramos Williams, said the most difficult thing about being a student and a mom is managing her time. Her daughter requires a lot of her time, and then she has to work, and then school.

"I struggle the same way any other college student does with or without a child," said Ramos. "Money, time management, knowing when is a good or bad time to study, but I have no real struggles due to having a child though. Taliyah pushes me to finish college."

Jennifer Lee, a junior communication studies major and mother to 2-year-old Amelia, said in order to be a student-parent you have

to be able to multi-task and have a good support system. Jennifer said she has a strong support system with family at home and at Eastern.

E-Spa was created to help the parents on Eastern's campus adapt to motherhood at college.

"As the president it allows me to educate and help other mothers who are at Eastern and not familiar with Charleston or child care or other issues," Ramos said. "I used to say I wanted to impact someone's life in a positive way, and I feel like I have."

When Jennifer is in class her mind is on the lecture and what her daughter is doing. She knows why she is here at Eastern, to become a better person and provide a better life for Amelia.

Jennifer said she feels like she missed out on living in the dorm and taking part in the activities that other students have the opportunity to do. She also can't make study-sessions all of the time because day-care hours are not always available when she needs a sitter.

Even though she is missing out on some activities, Jennifer said she is still enjoying her experience.

**STORY | KATIE OVERBY
AND MEGAN JOHNSON**

Left | Mother Lydia Ramos poses with her 2-year-old daughter Taliyah.

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Mother Lydia Ramos kisses her
2-year-old daughter Taliyah cheek.
PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI



MUSICLOVER

Lindsay Alexander shares her devotion, dedication to music

Time, dedication, practice and passion.

Those are just a few qualities students who play in the Eastern Symphony Orchestra have.

Lindsay Alexander, a music performance graduate student, has been playing music since she was in third grade, and she plays percussion in the ESO.

Alexander originally started playing the flute and then moved to the bassoon in eighth grade. Alexander said she wanted to play percussion during junior high school but wasn't given the chance. She finally moved to marching percussion in high school then concert percussion in college.

Alexander practices percussion instruments about two to three hours a

day. She said there is so much music to learn, but she plays because she loves it.

"It's one of the few things that makes me happy," Alexander said.

When Alexander is not playing percussion, she is doing an assistantship with the music department where she does "odds and ends" jobs.

The ESO is composed of students and non-students and includes a wind, percussion and string section. This year, the orchestra has six scheduled concerts.

Depending on what piece they are working on, they will have 60 to 80 members playing in a concert. Of those members at least two-thirds are students, said Richard Rossi, director of

orchestral and choral activities.

Despite being a music lover and player, Alexander, as all the other players in the ESO, gets one credit hour per semester for her time.

The orchestra class, or MUS 0211-001, has one credit hour per semester of participation. It requires an audition during the beginning of the semester, one regular practice per week, two other scheduled practices, and the student must participate in two scheduled concerts during the year.

"The feeling it gives me makes me happy. I haven't gotten bored with it yet," she said, despite the busy schedule.

STORY | AMANDA WILKINSON



Lindsay Alexander, a music performance graduate student, plays the timpani during a rehearsal of "Finlandia, Opus 26." by Jean Sibelius Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012, in the rehearsal hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. "Finlandia, Opus 26" will be featured in the Eastern Symphony Orchestra's April 1 production, "Ovations."

PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI



Alexander begins working on the timpani after a break in the rehearsal of "Finlandia, Opus 26." by Jean Sibelius, Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012, in the rehearsal hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI





Lindsey Alexander looks at her music during a rehearsal of "Finlandia, Opus 26" by Jean Sibelius Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012, in the rehearsal hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.
PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI

BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Eastern compensates for state-funding lag

On Thursday June 30, 2011, which marked the end of Fiscal Year '11, the state was \$21 million behind payments to Eastern's total general revenue appropriations of \$47.4 million.

According to William Weber, the vice president for business affairs, the \$21 million owed made up about 44 percent of Eastern's appropriation from the state and was about a tenth of Eastern's all-funds budget.

Weber said State Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka assured Eastern that the \$21 million would be paid before the end of the calendar year.

Treasurer Paul McCann said even though the state had not sent any FY 11 payments for four months, Eastern was receiving FY 12 payments on time.

"It is nice to see that they are making timely payments, but it really does not make a whole lot of difference because they still owe us, at any given point, almost \$21 million," McCann said. "We are not digging a hole further but it is still an awful lot of money from last year's budget that they still owe us."

The method of paying FY 12 appropriations before financing the FY 11 funds was opposite from

what the state had done in the past, McCann said.

When the state was behind on FY 10 payments, FY 11 appropriations were not paid until the remainder FY10 funds were secured.

To compensate for the lack of timely state funds, the university made cuts to teaching materials and implemented a hiring freeze.

"At a cash standpoint we benefit by hiring less people, but at a student standpoint it's a deterrent because there are more kids in each class," He said. "We try to weigh that and make as little disruption as possible but we know, to some extent, that it is still present."

The amount of full- and part-time employees decreased by about 100 compared to two years ago, Weber said.

In October, Eastern received an \$8 million payment, bringing the amount owed down to about \$13 million.

In November, the state reimbursed Eastern with about \$5 million toward the FY 11 shortfall.

However, the state stopped paying FY 12 appropriations on time.

"We were told that we will not receive any more FY 12 payments until the end of the calendar year in order for the state to catch up with payments," Weber said. "Currently

we have received roughly \$10 million from the state for the FY 12 appropriated general revenue."

The total state appropriation for FY 12 is about \$46.8 million.

Also during November, Eastern managed to carry over about \$3.18 million because of how the cash flow situation was managed.

The \$3.18 million was a pool of one-time only funds that resulted from the two major ways the university has compensated for funds the state owed, Weber said.

He said they compensated by cutting back on spending and borrowing internally from local non-restricted funds, which consist of income that is not from tuition or general revenue funds like academic equipment expenditures.

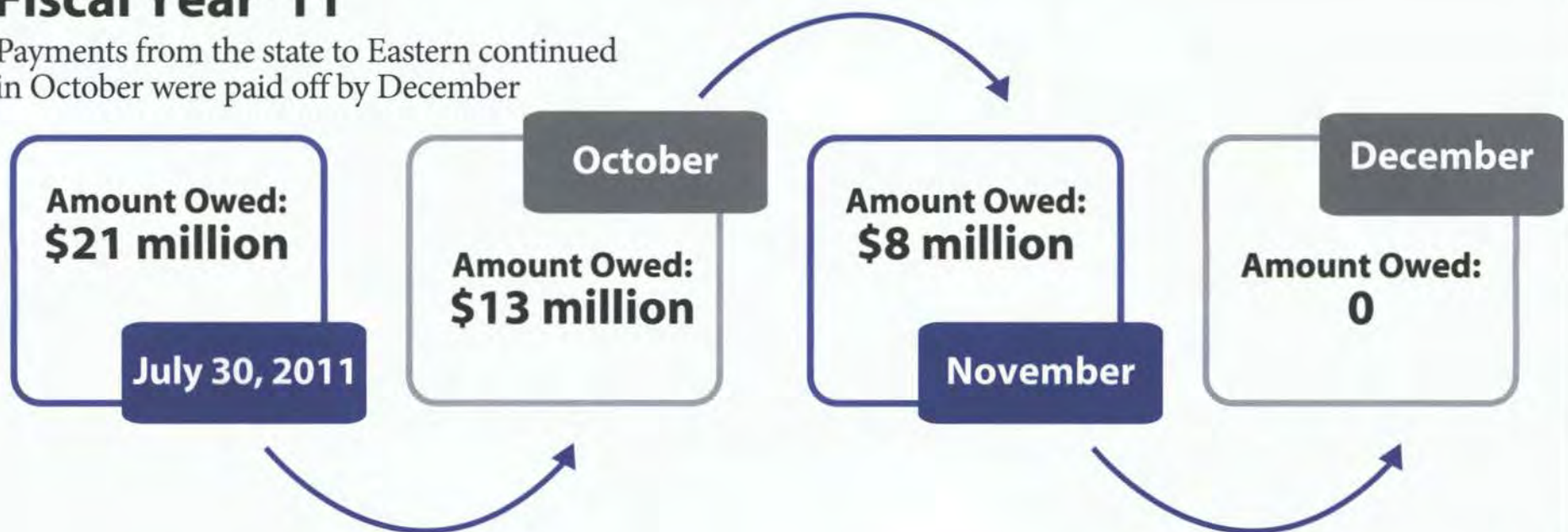
In December, after about six months waiting for late payments, Eastern received the remainder of the \$21 million.

"Now that the appropriation has been paid off, I know for certain that those places from which we borrowed can be totally repaid, and we can move forward with expenditures for this year," Weber said. "While the cash flow challenges continue, we are seeing some modest improvements."

STORY | RACHEL RODGERS

Fiscal Year '11

Payments from the state to Eastern continued in October were paid off by December



INFOGRAPHIC BY COLLEEN HARRIGAN



Alan Smith, an employee of Chubby's from Charleston, throws the dough for Chubby Sticks before handing them off for toppings Saturday, Jan. 29, 2012.
PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI

Chubby Sticks

Charleston icon a staple to students, residents

The history of this Chubby's, in the eyes of owner Greg Magnus, is a long one that goes back to his days at Eastern.

Working for Chubby's, 215 Lincoln Ave., through college made him the perfect candidate to take over the business in October 2000, and now the pizza joint is being run with the previous owner, Leon Hall.

Every student who comes to Eastern hears about the famous Chubby Sticks, which are garlic cheese sticks with just the right amount of greasy goodness to make them a college students dream and that leads to them trying them and either loving or hating them.

"It just sounded delicious 'cause I had never had them and my roommates said they were the best drunk food ever," said Reed Turk, a junior kinesiology major.

With their largest pizza being 20 inches, students know that they are getting a deal on a large amount of food. Chubby's makes their own dough and sauce, according to Magnus. This makes them different than chain restaurants and more of a Charleston icon.

They make a few items ahead of time and

freeze them, allowing faster baking and delivery during the dinner rush and bar rush.

"Yeah, never had their pizza, only cheese sticks, I ordered them because they were the only place open and then their prices aren't too bad," said Shelby Thacker, a sophomore pre-nursing major.

Opening at 4 p.m. every day, workers start by setting up the store and making the dough and sauce to prepare for the two main rushes of people that come almost every day.

"We get two rushes a day... a dinner rush and a bar rush that is late at night," Magnus said.

Chubby's has three drivers running to get the pizza out to the costumers fast.

The store stays open even when students are not at Eastern thanks to the residents of Charleston.

"We sell about half our pizza to students and half to residents," Magnus said.

Chubby's keeps the operation small with only about eight employees, with Magnus as a driver.

STORY | BRANDYCE GORDON



Colin Campbell, a senior environmental biology major, takes Chubby Sticks out of the oven.

PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI



Alan Smith, an employee of Chubby's from Charleston, spreads sauce before putting the toppings on a pizza.

PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI



Jason Scheff, bass player and vocals for Chicago, looks up to the balcony during the 6 p.m. Chicago Show Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, in Lantz Arena. Scheff joined in 1985 after Peter Cetera left to pursue a solo career.

PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI

FAMILYWEEKEND

Chicago comes to Lantz Arena, Panthers pack the stands



Lee Loughnane, a founding member of Chicago on trumpet, performs after coming onto the stage of Chicago's first performance of the night.

PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI



The Eastern Marching Band performs "I Love Rock 'N Roll" outside of the president's tent in the tailgate area outside of O'Brien Field.

PHOTOS | DANNY DAMIANI



Red-shirt junior running back Jake Walker, dives into the endzone for Eastern's first touchdown against Eastern Kentucky University during Family Weekend on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011. Eastern was defeated by ECU 48-16.

PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI

FIGHTING BACK

Left | Sarah Thoren, a Lake Land College medical administrative assistant major, leads the Take Back the Night march through campus Thursday, Sept. 29, 2011. Thoren has attended every Take Back the Night since she was 1 month old, this will be her 21st year.
PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI





Right | A shirt hangs off the Campus Pond pavilion during Take Back the Night.

PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI

Students march across campus to raise awareness

The 21st annual Take Back the Night was hosted on the Campus Pond on Sept. 29, 2011.

Take Back the Night is an event on campus where sexual assault victims, family, friends and supporters come to hear their stories and learn ways to fight back against sexual assault.

Kimberlee Williams attended Take Back the Night and spoke about her experience from when she was a child.

Williams was 12-years-old when she was first raped by her mother's boyfriend at her home in Charleston.

The sexual assault continued for three months, while her mother pretended it didn't happen, which was difficult for Williams.

After experiencing her first take back the night, Williams said it won't be her last

time attending.

Bonnie Buckley, the executive director of Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service or SACIS, said Take Back the Night is here to make a statement that the community should be safe from sexual assault.

SACIS provides support and counseling to sexual assault victims. They also promote advocacy and public education on sexual assault.

The event started with the band, Just Us, performing, followed by poems read by volunteers and awards given to contributors. Chong Kim, a human trafficking survivor, spoke to the crowd before the march.

"It affects all of us. Not just women, not just men, not just teachers, all of us," Kim said.

A long trail of people walked across campus, while chanting, "Charleston unite. Take back the night," cars braked to let TBTN marchers cross the street. Not understanding what was going on drivers rolled down their windows to find out what was taking place.

The trail of people decreased as the march neared its end at the bonfire.

Many people chose to read poems by flashlight and speak out about personal experiences.

Williams was nervous to tell her personal story of sexual assault to everyone huddled around the bonfire.

"I will be happy. I will have a life again," she said.

STORY | AMANDA WILKINSON

"I will be happy. I will have a life again."

-Kimberlee Williams

DRINKING TICKETS

Are they worth the consequences?

Charleston is a town full of college students so it's safe to say drinking will occur, which means drinking tickets, but what happens after getting the drinking ticket is not something everyone knows about.

According to Eastern's Code of Conduct, drinking tickets are given when a person is visibly intoxicated and acting in a disorderly manner in public, on or off campus and with a student's enrollment to Eastern that student must follow the university's Code of Conduct.

Violations may include possession of alcohol if underage, providing alcohol to those that are underage and having alcohol on campus.

Receiving a drinking ticket is a violation of the code of conduct and will be dealt with through the Office of Student Standards.

"The student process is not a cookie cutter process and each case is unique," said Erica Roa, an alcohol standards specialist, in the office of student standards. "The student conduct process is educational and designed to help students learn from their mistakes to avoid this

kind of behavior in the future," said Roa.

The Code of Conduct states if sanctions are not satisfied, it could result in the student not being able to register the following semester or not getting their degree until all requirements and sanctions are fulfilled.

After all requirements of the university are met, disciplinary sanctions will no longer be a part of the student's permanent academic record.

According to campus police officer Andrea Beals, the biggest reason students get a drinking ticket is because, "students draw attention to themselves."

Beals also teaches a foundations class on campus. She learned that there are many students who are not aware of campus violations.

"I'm hoping students learn from the alcohol foundations class," said Beals.

In this class, students are made more aware of university policy and to avoid breaking the law.

STORY | MONAE THOMPSON

quick facts on the dreaded drinking ticket



2009	2010
<u>On campus drinking violations</u>	
473	520
<u>Residence hall drinking violations</u>	
418	487

Statistics for 2011 will be released in October 2012.

BREAKING GROUND

'EIU House 2.0' begins long journey

On Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012, Eastern's Habitat for Humanity campus chapter and the Coles County Habitat for Humanity broke ground on a new house called EIU House 2.0.

The new homeowner, Renee Anthony, chose 1414 Jackson Ave. as the site of her new home.

"The families can build anywhere in Coles County and we try to accommodate them," said Roy Lanham, Eastern Habitat for Humanity campus chapter adviser.

The groundbreaking ceremony is the first public event between the family and the community.

"Groundbreaking is a celebration of Renee Anthony receiving her new home and to bless everyone who will be working on the house building process," said Jennifer Gerardi, a senior elementary education major.

Groundbreaking is the first step in the building process.

"After the groundbreaking, the foundation will be put in and the rest of the building will begin," said Gerardi, campus chapter president.

Lanham said sometimes after groundbreaking no building could happen for a couple months due to the weather.

"We want to make sure that if the weather is less than cooperative in March we can

still work," Lanham said.

March is when the major building will begin with a blitz build day on Saturday, March 10, 2012, followed by a blitz build week during Spring Break.

"I am staying for Spring Break because this is something that doesn't happen often and it is going to be a great experience," said Stephany Fonseca, a freshman applied engineering and technology major.

The last time the campus chapter sponsored a build with Coles County was 1999. To sponsor a house the campus chapter needed to raise \$32,000, which is half the mortgage.

"A big challenge has been raising the \$32,000," Gerardi said. "Thanks to Charleston High School hosting Shantytown for us every year, we are able to raise money this amount of money for our affiliate."

EIU House 2.0 will continue to be built every Saturday throughout the rest of the semester and the campus chapter will continue to fundraise for a future build.

"Habitat for Humanity is not just concerned about putting up houses," Lanham said. "They are concerned about transforming lives, houses become the bonus."

STORY | BETH STEELE



Renee Anthony and her son Alex stand in the center of the groundbreaking for EIU House 2.0.

PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI



Roy Lanham, Habitat for Humanity adviser, holds a ribbon representing the roof of the people house during EIU House 2.0 groundbreaking.

PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI



Renee Anthony, the recipient of Habitat for Humanity's EIU House 2.0, stands in the center of the people house created by participants at the end of the groundbreaking ceremony Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012, at 1414 Jackson Ave.
PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI

HOMECOMING

It's time to PARTY

Students celebrate Homecoming with beer, beer and more beer



It may be nearly impossible to wake up for a class at 8 a.m., but waking up for a keg at 8 a.m. is the perfect reason for anyone to be up early.

When it comes to Homecoming there is one thing that is on students' minds: kegs. The parade is a popular time to crowd the streets and drink beer while jumping for some candy from the passing floats.

Ethan Wolff, manager at East Side Liquor, sees a major increase in kegs purchased for Homecoming Weekend.

"For Homecoming, we order a whole extra Miller Light trailer," Wolff said. "It has between 50 and 75 kegs in it."

Chris Green, a senior communication studies major, said he and his roommates throw big parties a lot. They prefer buying kegs, and they purchased many for the Saturday of Homecoming.

"We bought eight kegs for the day, and tapped them around 11 a.m.," Green said. "All the beer was gone by 5 p.m."

Throughout the day, liquor stores in town seemed to be a popular destination for students. Whether it is purchasing a keg, or just a case of beer, the liquor stores around campus see an increase in sales.

"It is nice to see people come in and out of the store, especially when they are alumni," a Panther Liquors employee said. "Everyone is just enjoying themselves."

The liquor stores did not disclose the amount of kegs sold on Homecoming weekend.

"The parade is all about the party," Green said. "Homecoming is just another excuse to get crazy."

STORY | COLLEEN HARRIGAN



Left | Dave Hopkins, a junior geography major, stands behind a temporary fence set up in front of two houses on Seventh Street and watches the Homecoming Parade Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011.

Center | Kevin Miller, a senior management major, snatches beads from Taylor Davis, a junior communication studies major, after the beads were thrown from the Homecoming Parade.

Right | Juniors, Sarah Naples, an elementary education major (left); Dani Grochocinski, an environmental biology major; Brittany Baker, a sociology major; Melissa Slotter, a marketing major; and Erica Alsop, a psychology major, watch the Homecoming Parade from the roof of a house on Seventh Street.

PHOTOS | DANNY DAMIANI





HOMECOMING PANTHERPRIDE

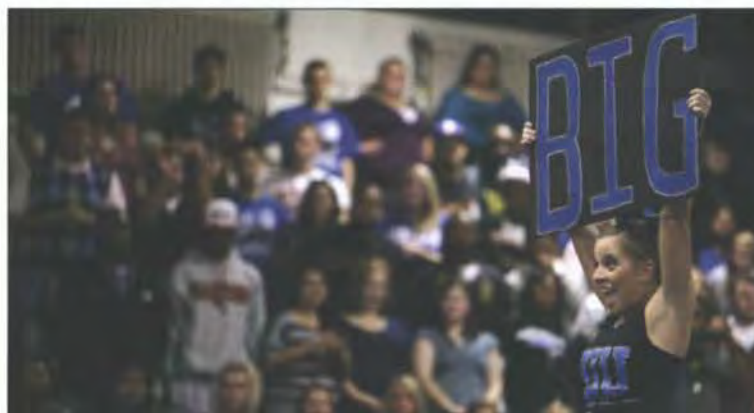
Students show their pride at parade, Yell Like Hell and coronation



Homecoming Queen runner-up Kirstin Bowns, a senior sociology major, hugs Moe Samed, a graduate student in college student affairs, after coronation on Monday, Oct. 17, 2011, in McAfee Gym.
PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI



Top | Jennifer Vogt, a sophomore special education major, places crosses on the Students for Life float before the Homecoming Parade Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011. Parade setup began at 6 a.m. along Seventh and Ninth streets with the parade starting at 9:30 a.m.
PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI



Center | A member of Alpha Phi holds a sign during her sorority's performance in the "Yell Like Hell" competition on Friday, Oct. 21, 2011, in McAfee Gym.
PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI



Bottom | Beth Kirts, a sophomore communication disorders and sciences major, cheers along with her teammates, members of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and Sigma Chi fraternity, at the homecoming "Yell Like Hell" competition.
PHOTO | OLIVIA ANGELOFF



Above | Alpha Gamma Delta and Sigma Chi's mascot, Jessica Shepherd, a sophomore special education major, runs around McAfee gymnasium at the "Yell Like Hell" competition on Friday, Oct. 21, 2011.
PHOTO | OLIVIA ANGELOFF

NEW IN CHARLESTON



Beverly Herr, general manager and the drink and menu designer of Dirty's Bar & Grill, mixes one of her newest drinks, the Mint Chip Hopper, for a customer Monday, Jan. 9, 2012, at the restaurant. Dirty's offers more than 20 versions of a martini in addition to other beverages.

PHOTO | KIMBERLY FOSTER

DIRTY'S

New restaurant offers 'a little taste of home' with fresh food, martinis

Dirty's Bar & Grill is new restaurant operating from the location that used to house Georgie Boys, on the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Seventh Street.

It opened around Halloween, featuring burgers, chicken and homemade martinis.

Beverly Herr, general manager, made the food and drink menu off her life experiences.

"It's a little taste of home, a Chicago trendy scene, and the presentation is all there," Herr said. "We are portraying to ev-

eryone and hope everyone enjoys it."

One of Dirty's most popular alcoholic drinks is the martini; all of the martinis are made fresh.

Most people think they don't like martinis, but that is because they have never had a good one, Herr said. The martini names are based off what the drinks are made of and different things in Herr's life.

One martini's name is Beverlini Martini, which is named after Herr. But Dirty's

doesn't just serve martinis, they also have margaritas and other drinks.

The restaurant offers nothing but fresh food. The only thing in the freezer is ice cream, Herr said.

"Dirty's is an oxymoron; we're anything but dirty," Herr said. "One reason we called it Dirty's was because it makes you wonder what it is."

STORY | KRISTIN JORDING

COUNTY MARKET



Customers mill through the aisles of the Charleston County Market during its grand opening Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2012. Vendors from Pepsi, Johnsonville and Caribou Coffee were present to celebrate and offer free samples throughout the opening. The store features an eating area and liquor store.

PHOTO | KIMBERLY FOSTER

L.A. TAN

New tanning salon opens

Regardless of the weather outside, when people walk through the doors of L.A. Tan in Charleston they are engulfed by the sweet, coconut smell of summer.

This new business, located at 303 Lincoln Ave., has a relaxed and casual environment that still keeps its salon atmosphere, said Cara Durkin, a senior kinesiology and sports studies major.

"I really love working here," Durkin said.

The tanning salon opened December 2011 and the ever changing promotions make for a constant flow of customers and a steady work load, Durkin said.

Students can get unlimited tanning for \$40 to \$50 a month, depending on how strong of bed they desire. If they have a membership the cost can be automatically taken out of their account each month and that gives them 25 percent off lotions in the store, Durkin said.

Customers can tan at any L.A. Tan with a membership.

"I think that is why we will do well," Durkin said.

Among the customers, there are also a good number of male members who enjoy the atmosphere of Charleston's L.A. Tan.

"I would say we get about 20 percent guys, just guessing," Durkin said.

Most students come to L.A. Tan because of the atmosphere and service.

Bre Zelenika, a freshman health studies major, has been a member of L.A. Tan for four years and has been a member of the Charleston L.A. Tan since it opened in December.

"They have strong bulbs and are cleaner than most salons in the area," Zelenika said.

STORY | BRANDYCE GORDON AND
BECCA LEVINE

NEW BBQ IN TOWN



Ron "Pops" Sterns, owner of Pop's Barbeque, poses in front of his restaurant in Charleston on Friday, Jan. 27, 2012. Sterns' restaurant opened Friday, March 18, 2011.

PHOTO | OLIVIA ANGELOFF

POP'S

Home-cooked food offered through small window on Madison

Pop's Barbeque is a new restaurant in Charleston.

It opened its doors on Friday, March 18, 2011. Pop's offers a variety of home-style food such as pulled pork sandwiches, Italian beef, and ribs.

Charleston resident, Ron "Pops" Sterns, owns the family-run restaurant. Sterns said Pop's separates from the competition because all of its meat is brought in on a daily basis.

Pop's is also unique in the fact that all of its meat is cooked with wood instead of gas. Sterns believes that Pop's fits well in Charleston because he said it is good food at a good price for college students and Charleston residents.

The price range starts at a \$1.15 for a side and goes to \$19 for a full slab of ribs. To go along with the sandwiches Pop's offers baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw and

macaroni and cheese. Pop's also delivers and caters events and parties.

With just a small window for ordering inside of a tiny area for customers, Pop's has a quaint atmosphere making customers feel like they are getting a home-cooked meal.

Pop's is located 302 Madison Ave.

STORY | OLIVIA ANGELOFF



Joe Evans, owner of Smoky's BBQ, demonstrates cutting beef brisket on Wednesday, June 8, 2011, in Smoky's kitchen. Smoky's opened its doors at the end of April and features house smoked beef, pork, turkey and chicken plates, among other homestyle favorites.

PHOTO | KAROLINA STRACK

SMOKY'S BBQ house offers 'the best cornbread in these parts'

On Sunday, May 1, 2011, Smoky's House BBQ opened its doors in Charleston.

"Things have been great since we've opened in May, and the community has been very open and accepting of us," said Joe "Smoky" Evans, a Champaign native.

Smoky's is a family-owned business. Everything from the barbeque sauce to the meats are homemade and cooked fresh everyday. Nothing is artificially made in the kitchen.

The restaurant has a fast, casual setting with a hint of momma's kitchen, feel. Patrons can sit at either tables or booths and each table holds the specialty barbeque sauces.

Jamilah Witherspoon, a junior family and consumer sciences major, said she likes Smoky's and enjoys going to the restaurant.

"I really like Smoky's. My food is always fresh and always good," Witherspoon said.

Since opening, the menu has changed but only slightly. Evans has been monitoring it closely.

"I revised the menu to what the community likes to eat," Evans said. "I noticed on days I would have specials or different sides, they would come and order something else."

Some menu items include hickory smoked sandwiches, burgers and barbeque dinner plates.

Smoky's House BBQ also gives back to the community that has been so open and helpful to them.


"We have given money to Charleston High School, and we also help sponsor events through some of Eastern's student groups," Evans said.

The most popular meal on the menu is the Muleshoe, which is texas toast, choice of meat, fries, barbeque sauce and cheese.

"We have the best corn bread in these parts," Evans said.

Smoky's is located at 300 W. Lincoln Ave.

STORY | MEGAN JOHNSON

A full-page photograph of drag performer Amaya Mann. She is wearing a black double-breasted blazer over a dark top. Her accessories include large, ornate gold earrings, a thick gold chain necklace with a large rectangular pendant, and multiple gold bracelets on her right wrist. She has short, styled hair and is looking upwards with her mouth open in an expressive pose. Her hands are raised, palms facing forward. In the foreground, the back of an audience member's head and their raised arms are visible, suggesting an interactive performance. The background is dark and out of focus.

Amaya Mann, one of the performers at the Diva Drag Show, playfully interacts with audience member, Eli Porr, during the Diva Drag Show Monday, Nov. 7, 2011. Many of the audience members were thanked for their tips with a kiss from the performers.

PHOTO | OLIVIA ANGELOFF

DIVAS take the *STAGE*

EIU Pride donates \$700 to SACIS after Diva Drag Show

The crowd went wild and the dollar bills went flying as eight divas took over the Grand Ballroom in the MLK Jr. Union on Monday, Nov. 7, 2011.

EIU Pride's Diva Drag Show Angels & Divas, a Bad Girls Club inspired themed event, was hosted by queen Ceduxion Carrington, who instructed attendees to keep "arms, legs and other appendages away from the performers," unless told otherwise.

Lady Gaga and Beyonce songs were common throughout the night and queens interacted with the audience members during each performance.

Nick Niemerg, EIU Pride vice president, said he was glad that so many members of the Eastern community came to the event.

"It's great to see a lot of first timers really excited to experience their first drag show on campus," Niemerg said.

Jordan Garrett, a sophomore business management major, said she was glad she went to her first drag show.

"I'm just going to say wow," Garrett said.

Garrett said the queens paired with the excitement of the audience made the event come to life.

Amaya Mann, one of the drag queens, said she has been able to see the numbers grow and see a consistency in those attending the show.

"The crowd gets better and better each year," Amaya said.

Dondre Keeler, a junior family and consumer sciences major, has been to three of the Diva Drag Shows and said he liked this year's show the best.

"Just the audience interaction re-



Aurora Lemont-Carrington, performer, crawls her way to an audience member to collect her tip at the Diva Drag Show.

PHOTO | OLIVIA ANGLEOFF

ally hyped up the performers," Keeler said. "It was amazing—the best I've ever seen."

Sienna Mann said she performed at Eastern's first drag show.

"It's always energetic on a college campus cause people genuinely just want to have fun," Sienna said.

Tyler Leasher, a 26-year-old Eastern graduate, said he has contin-

ued to attend the event several years after his graduation.

"I came down to support the people I know," Leasher said.

Leasher said he was glad to see students enjoying the performances of his friends in the show.

"At first they are kind of in shock, but as the night goes on they get more into it," Leasher said.

Amaya said the organization of EIU Pride's drag shows are different from the one's she is used to performing.

"A lot of drag shows have less girls and you have to keep moving, but this one was more (slow) paced," Amaya said.

Calexus Carrington also performed in Eastern's first drag show and said being a queen is about confidence.

"You only get one life," Carrington said. "Why spend it worrying about what other people think?"

Terri Fredrick, the EIU Pride faculty adviser, said the event raised about \$1,400.

EIU Pride donated \$700 to the Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Services, a non-profit agency that has been struggling financial

Bonnie Buckley, the executive director of SACIS, said the organization is very grateful for the donation.

"Our funding from our state and federal grants that help us operate and pay staff and rent has been really tight in coming in," Buckley said. "So all of our donations and fundraisers at this point are helping us stay open."

The money is helping, Buckley said, because SACIS is facing the same difficulties it had last year.

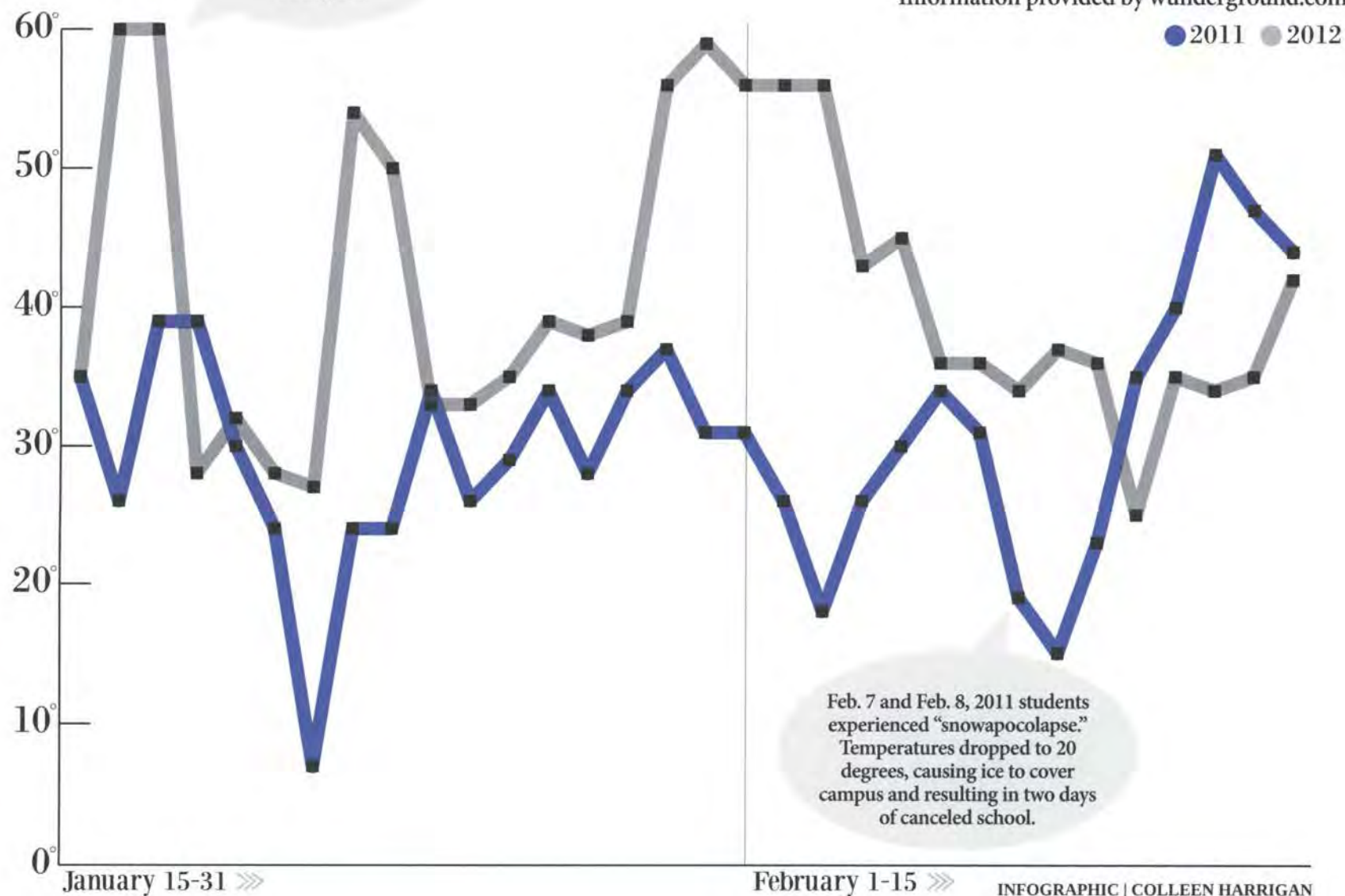
"We're working three to four months ahead of getting reimbursed," Buckley said. "It's helping us stay open month to month."

STORY | NIKE OGUNBODEDE

Students were seen wearing shorts and flip flops Jan. 15-Jan. 16 when temperatures hit 60 degrees.

Temperatures on this graph represent actual highs from the period of Jan. 15, 2011-Feb. 15, 2011 compared to Jan. 15, 2012-Feb. 15, 2012.

Information provided by wunderground.com



INFOGRAPHIC | COLLEEN HARRIGAN

WACKY WEATHER

Jet stream to blame for inconsistent temperatures

Warm weather hit Charleston on Friday, Jan. 6, 2012, making spring seem right around the corner for Eastern students, but groundhog Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow, giving us six more weeks of winter.

According to Cameron Craig, a geography and geology professor, the jet stream is to blame.

"The jet stream is bottling up the arctic air," Craig said. "And that causes the temperatures here to rise, but later it will get cold."

For just a short amount of time in the middle of winter, Eastern students were able to get out of their residence halls and see sun shining on the quad.

For some, exercising outside was popular. Emily Groves, a sophomore elementary education major, went outside to help reduce sickness.

"I finally got to workout," Groves said. "I love to exercise outside, and I got to when it was warm."

"Since it has been warmer I have been more willing to walk around campus more, go to the library to study rather than just stay home, run on the panther trail a bit, and visit my friends more that live across campus from where I do," said Pete Zizzo, a sophomore mathematics major. "I appreciate the warmer weather this year because it makes it a lot easier to get around campus. I do not own a car, so walking outside when it is snowy and icy is horrible."

The warm weather brought on a few



Eujan Johnson, a freshman undecided major, plays football in the South Quad Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012. Campus was more active because of the weather.

PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI

problems, according to Craig.

"There was no hard freeze," he said. "The bugs didn't get controlled... when it comes to spring we will have a large population of pest to deal with."

This phenomenon also causes the vegetation to think that it is spring, which can cause issues with growing when spring really rolls around Craig said.

This weird weather that we saw made some happy but there are still the people out

that waiting for the "big one," one big snowstorm said Craig because he is one of those people.

But for people like Groves, the warm weather could not come back fast enough bring with them easier walks to class and light jackets.

"I wish it was July," said Groves with a laugh.

STORY | BRANDYCE GORDON

Grasping tradition

LASO brings awareness to holiday, celebrates culture

Halloween and Día de los Muertos are celebrated at about the same time, but have extreme cultural differences.

The Latin American Student Organization celebrated the Mexican holiday to try to keep its culture alive.

On Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, LASO celebrated Día de los Muertos. Día de los Muertos translates into “day of the dead,” and it is a Mexican holiday where families and friends gather together to remember and pray for loved ones who have died.

At the event, students made tissue paper flowers and sugar skulls, which are significant to the holiday.

Sugar skulls are decorated with

bright colors and used as decorations during the holiday, and colorful flowers are placed at the graves of loved ones in the hope of bringing their spirits back to their families.

“I hope these events will educate not only students, but also the community, about Latin American holidays and bring awareness to the group,” LASO Secretary Priscilla Gonzalez said.

Students also ate and drank cultural foods at the celebration. Atole, a chocolate drink, and pan de muerto, a sweet bread, were both served. They are traditionally consumed at the Mexican holiday.

The group tries to be there for each

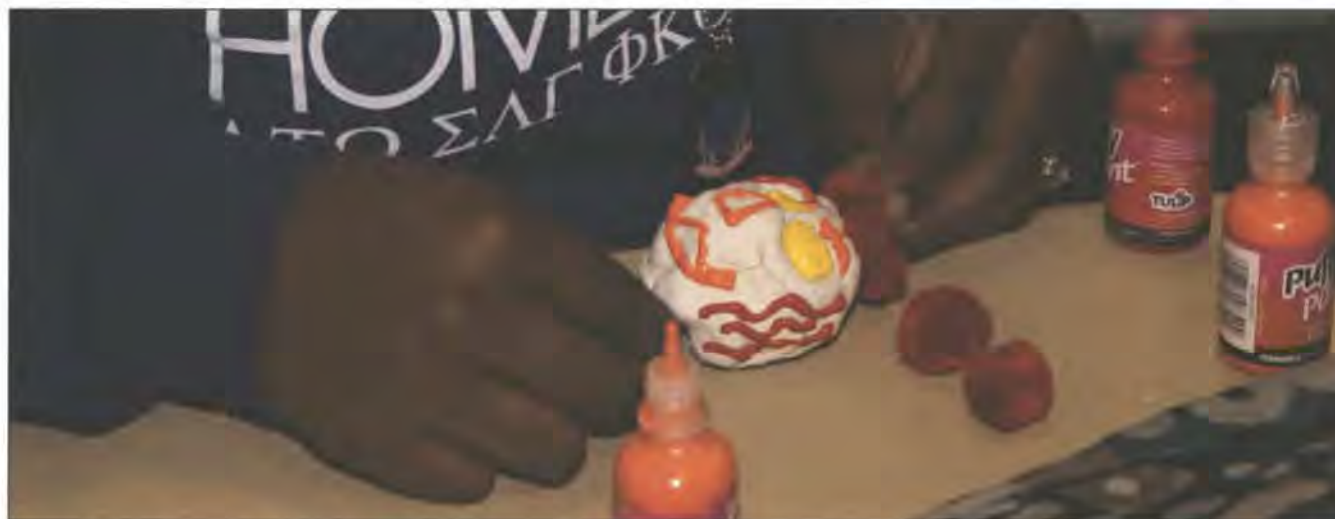
other. This is especially helpful while away from home, LASO President Alex Lima said.

The goal of LASO is to help its members academically, socially, create leadership opportunities and to serve the community.

But the organization doesn’t pride itself on any of these aspects; it prides itself on the closeness and unity of the group.

“We support each other,” Gonzalez said. We like to goof around with one another, and we talk about problems that are bothering each other.”

STORY | MELANIE THOMPSON



Right | Judith Loza, a junior biology major, decorates a sugar skull at the Día de los Muertos celebration Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011.

Above | Joy Raines, a junior clinical lab science major, shows off her decorative sugar skull during the Día de los Muertos celebration.

PHOTOS | JASMINE RANDLE





GREEK

Rushing experience different in spring for houses, recruits

In comparison to fall recruitment, spring recruitment has a different set of rules and feelings that go along with it.

The process is more laid back than in the fall, and people who are hoping to join only need to go to sororities or fraternities they know they like, which makes the process different.

Houses on campus get to choose whether or not they are going to participate in actively planning events that will get them new members for spring.

"We chose three parties because we thought that it would be a nice and relaxing way for the potential new members to get to know us," said Lauren Brzezinski, a sophomore elementary education major and Delta Delta Delta president. "Recruitment can be stressful, so we want them to come as they are. So if that means sweats and gym shoes, that's totally fine."

Jonathan Boudreau, Sigma Alpha Epsilon recruitment chair, said the group tries to create a relaxed environment for spring to have the men be who they are.

"We chose to use bowling, a meet-and-greet, volleyball, football and cards as the events for spring recruitment," said Boudreau, a senior sociology major.

The decisions to get new members in the spring can come from many mind sets. Brzezinski said Delta Delta Delta held spring recruitment to strengthen sisterhood with more members who are excited and dedicated.

Boudreau said Facebook and word-of-mouth were the ways to get the word out. He said brothers talking to people they knew was a great way to get the word out.

"Recruitment is not a job for one or two guys in the fraternity, but rather for every brother to give the extra effort to help expend

the brotherhood," Boudreau said.

New recruits have their own thoughts on spring recruitment.

"I was nervous... afraid that I wasn't going to get along with anyone," said Margaret Joyce, a freshman business major.

Joyce is rushing Alpha Sigma Tau as a spring recruit with Alyssa Carlson, a freshman family and consumer sciences major, and they said they were glad they picked spring recruitment over fall recruitment.

"I did not want to rush in the fall because I just got here, and I was not ready yet," Carlson said.

Spring recruitment allows students to think about Greek life in a more relaxed atmosphere, and to get a look at the students in the house just a little bit closer.

STORY | BRANDYCE GORDON



Jim Snyder calls the bingo game at the Moose Lodge. He and Jack Low, another Charleston local, share the duty every Thursday. Around 150 people show up on a weekly basis.

BINGOCRAZE

Students obsess over the traditional game

Bingo every Thursday, every week of the year. That's how often members of the Eastern, and greater Charleston, community get to play their hands at a big win.

That is if you happen to be over the age of 21.

Around 150 people go to the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge, or the Moose Lodge, for short, in downtown Charleston every Thursday to try their hand at a chance to win big.

If you show up early you can purchase an early bird sheet for a dollar, and if you stay late you can play for a chance to win \$500 in the black out bingo game where you cover your whole card.

And with emotions high, since bingo is a form of gambling, the Moose Lodge workers try to keep a positive atmosphere for their participants.

"Jack (Low) and Jim (Snyder) who are calling the bingo, they interact a lot with the crowd," Rick Price, manager of Charleston's Lodge said. "The crowd interacts back, and that interjects a lot of fun and positive emotion."

That's how the weekly event seems to continually draw the community in. And according to Price, around half the participants at bingo every Thursday are either Eastern students or just over 21 and appear to be Eastern students.

For those that aren't over 21, there are always other ways to play.

At every major event that the University Board puts on for students from opening week-end through to the end of the year, there is always a good chance that bingo will be played.

"We set up bingo because the students really enjoy it," Darrius White, the University Board chair said. "How could you not when you're getting a 40-inch TV for free?"

The prizes can be that spectacular, with past prizes ranging from iPods to video game systems (and TVs of course).

Either way, pay or not, the tradition of loving bingo goes on as Eastern students find a way to play.

STORY AND PHOTOS | ZACH WHITE



The bingo board at the Moose Lodge keeps score of all numbers that have been called so far.



Brian Seibert, a senior kinesiology and sports studies major, takes his chances at another round of bingo. He was hoping he or his girlfriend could win because it was her birthday.



The Eastern ROTC Panther Battalion, led by Nicholas Anson, prepares to perform a three-volley salute during the Friday, Nov. 1, 2011, Veteran's Day celebration. This was Anson's ceremony for contracting with ROTC as well as a salute to the veterans.

PHOTO | ZACHARY WHITE

After the front lines

Vets struggle with life after military

From the front lines to the front of the classroom, veterans come back to school on their own terms.

They face problems that every new student is up against, as well as some that seem to be their own.

"You go from strict daily schedules, to a situation where there's a lot of freedom," said Daniel Hart, a senior biology major. "We face problems with free-time management and a lack of structure, a loss of control, because of a lack of organization."

In some ways, veterans look or act like any other incoming student. They're trying to fill up their free time by working to get their degrees as well as have a social life.

The difference is many veterans come back to school with major financial obligations, such as spouses or children.

"I came to Eastern because I was able to have my kids with me, and I didn't have to commute to get to class," said Ann Boehlefeld, a senior general studies major.

Boehlefeld came back to school with her two daughters, 10-year-old Connie and 9-year-old Joslyn, after serving in the Navy.

For some veterans, the plan was always to go back to school.

"The only reason I joined the army was to pay for college," said Beth Niemerg, a freshman biology major.

Niemerg said Hart was right about the challenge of changing from a strict daily schedule to a schedule with a lot of free time.

Although she admits that she knew it would be a challenge, she said she could have been more prepared to come back to school after years away.

John Mefford, a senior political science major, is excited to be going back into the military once he finishes his degree.

"I'm happy that I'm getting paid to go to school, but I'm really looking forward to going back in as an officer," Mefford said.

STORY | ZACHARY WHITE



Beth Niemerg, a freshman biology major, served in the U.S. Army to pay for school. She decided to come back without any of her transferrable credits previously earned because she wanted her time at Eastern to be a new start.

PHOTO | DA NNY DAMIANI



RENEWING EASTERN

Energy Center 'project of Eastern's history'

Eastern is one of the state's smallest universities, but now showcases one of the nation's largest biomass renewable energy projects.

Friday, Oct. 7, 2011, marked "a day of significance in the history of Eastern Illinois University," said President Bill Perry as the university held its grand opening of the \$55 million Renewable Energy Center.

Lines of students, staff and area residents filed all the way down and around the outside of the building waiting to tour the state-of-the-art facility, at 2100 18th St.

Project manager Chad Weber said the facility was built to replace the coal-burning plant on campus, which was built in 1928.

Weber said the new facility is estimated to reduce net greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent, saving the university a pro-

jected \$140 million in energy costs for the next 20 years.

The \$79 million contract awarded to Honeywell Building Solutions guarantees that the facility's savings for the next 20 years will pay for its own costs and should not induce an increase in resident taxes or student fees.

Touring the facility with Gary Reed, Eastern's director of facilities planning and management, he explained how this cutting-edge technology works.

The center has a total of four boilers. Two boilers burn biomass, which comes from the burning of wood chips, and the other two boilers burn natural gas with a fuel oil backup.

Reed said it is based on a gasification technology. He explained that the fuel is first heated to a high temperature in a low oxygen environment, which creates synthetic natural gas. After that, oxygen is

added to the synthetic natural gas so it burns like natural gas.

"This gasification technology creates a much cleaner burning process than coal burning," Reed said.

The process of getting this technology up-and-running was quick and smooth.

In 2008, Eastern hired Honeywell Building Solutions to build the facility. In November 2009, the university broke ground. In June 2011, the center started heating and fueling campus with renewable energy.

At the grand opening, Paul Orzeske, Honeywell Building Solutions President, said he has traveled far and wide and has not seen a campus facility quite like this.

"It's the best example of a university investment of this type — one of the best renewable energy centers that I've seen," Orzeske said. "It sets an example nation-

ally, and is something others will look to."

As the day died down and the crowds dispersed, the facility managers and university staff stood with smiles, laughs, and joy to be a part of such a historic day.

"I feel really proud to be part of a university that is this forward-thinking and has this kind of can-do attitude," Perry said.

University officials said the Renewable Energy Center is the first known power plant to be registered with the United States Green Building Council's LEED program and is on track to receive certification at the Gold level — the second highest.

"I wouldn't say this is the project of the decade," Reed said. "I would say this is the project of Eastern's history."

STORY | RACHEL MORRIS



Left | Lionel Sanders, construction project coordinator, explains that the fuel storage building can hold up to 1,000 tons of biomass fuel during a tour of the Renewable Energy Center Friday, Oct. 7, 2011.

Center | An audience gathers to watch the truck tipper operate during the grand opening of the Renewable Energy Center. The truck tipper moves the truck to a 63 degree angle, allowing the 22 tons of biomass fuel to unload into the hopper.

Right | Sanders answers questions about the Renewable Energy Center during a tour of the building at its grand opening.

PHOTOS | DANNY DAMIANI

DAY

From the weekdays to the weekends each student has their own style. Many chose to wear comfortable clothes to classes, and get fancy for the weekends. Here are two students who do just that.




Braunz Baker
sophomore French major



"I bum to class because I'm lazy. I'd rather sleep in, than wake up early to get ready. Class is a time to be comfy. It drives me nuts when people get ready just to sit in class."

EIU FASHION



*"I prefer a mix of both
comfy and stylish. But,
if one takes precedence,
I would prefer a more
stylish outfit."*

Karleen Penninger
senior elementary
education major

NIGHT

MARTY'S PANTHER

The history of the famous panther revealed

600-pound panther returns to 'coveted' den at Marty's

By **CHRYSTAL PHILPOTT**
City editor

About 30 people crowded around to get that first glimpse as the new panther statue was unveiled in front of Marty's, 1666 Fourth St., Monday morning.

Sculptor Jim Hoker, an Eastern psychology major and rugby player, stood around the edge of the group, shaking hands and accepting congratulations for his creation, a 600-pound black-bronze panther secured in 33 inches of concrete.

Hoker created the life-sized statue, worth about \$20,000, in 20 different parts, which were welded together with the help of a professional welder. Hoker

then finished the beast by grinding down any rough edges.

Hoker said when he signed the contracts in March for the job he agreed to have it installed by Sept. 1. Work on the statue began around the first of June.

"I wanted the job because it was special to me. It is EIU. I see Marty's (and the panther) as a part of Eastern," Hoker said an hour before the unveiling, admitting he was both nervous and excited about the occasion.

"He's (Hoker) done a lot of work for a lot of important people," said Hoker's girlfriend, Claudia Weinberg, an Eastern business major.

"He's done work for the governor. He's done a lot of charity work. He's sold work all over the world. But he was so nervous about today.

"I told him 'don't be nervous.' But he said 'This is my school.' I think he was nervous about putting something on display in front of his school. These are his peers," she said.

Hoker said he was proud to sculpt what many, including himself, considered one of the landmarks of Eastern.

"The panther is a symbol of Eastern. It can never be overplayed. I put too much sweat and blood into it. Too many sleepless nights and putting Claudia on hold," Hoker said, adding, "It's nice to

be able to come back and see it whenever you want."

"It's something to really be proud of. You can bring your grand-kids back here," Dale Holt, part owner of Marty's, told Hoker at the end of the unveiling.

"This panther was very important to him," Weinberg said. "It was almost like he was obsessed with it. Sometimes he would get this faraway look in his eyes, and I knew he was thinking about the panther."

The 25-year-old Hoker, a sculptor since age 10, has had pieces sold in Germany, Japan, Poland, Canada, Mexico, Great Britain and France, among other countries.

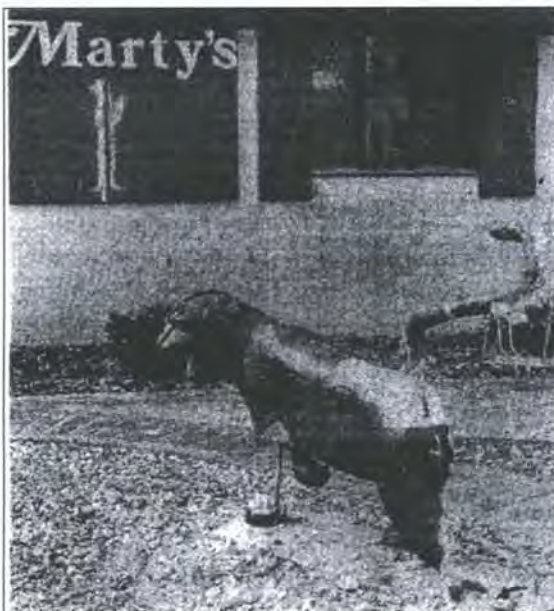
"It's (sculpting, art) in the family. My dad does this stuff. I got started and my stuff was selling. Pretty soon I was going to the east coast and then to the west coast. I've gone all over the United States with it," he said.

Although the obvious choice might have been to major in art, Hoker said he doesn't regret majoring in psychology.

"Now, looking back at it, I don't wish I had majored in art. It would have been nice to have been an art major. But if I had, I would have missed a lot of other skills I've learned. You have to develop good reasoning and management skills," he said.

In a story by *The Daily Eastern News* on Sept. 1, 1987, the panther makes its return after an accident where the previous panther was hit and ruined. A former student, Jim Hoker, created the statue out of bronze.

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LISA GREEN / Staff photographer

The black panther located in front of Marty's, 1666 Fourth St., which has become somewhat of a landmark at Eastern, was damaged in an automobile accident early Wednesday morning.

Driver charged with DUI

Marty's cat smashed under truck's tracks

By LARRY SMITH
and LORI EDWARDS
Staff writers

The Marty's panther statue, a mainstay of Eastern tradition for 12 years, was injured Wednesday in an early morning accident.

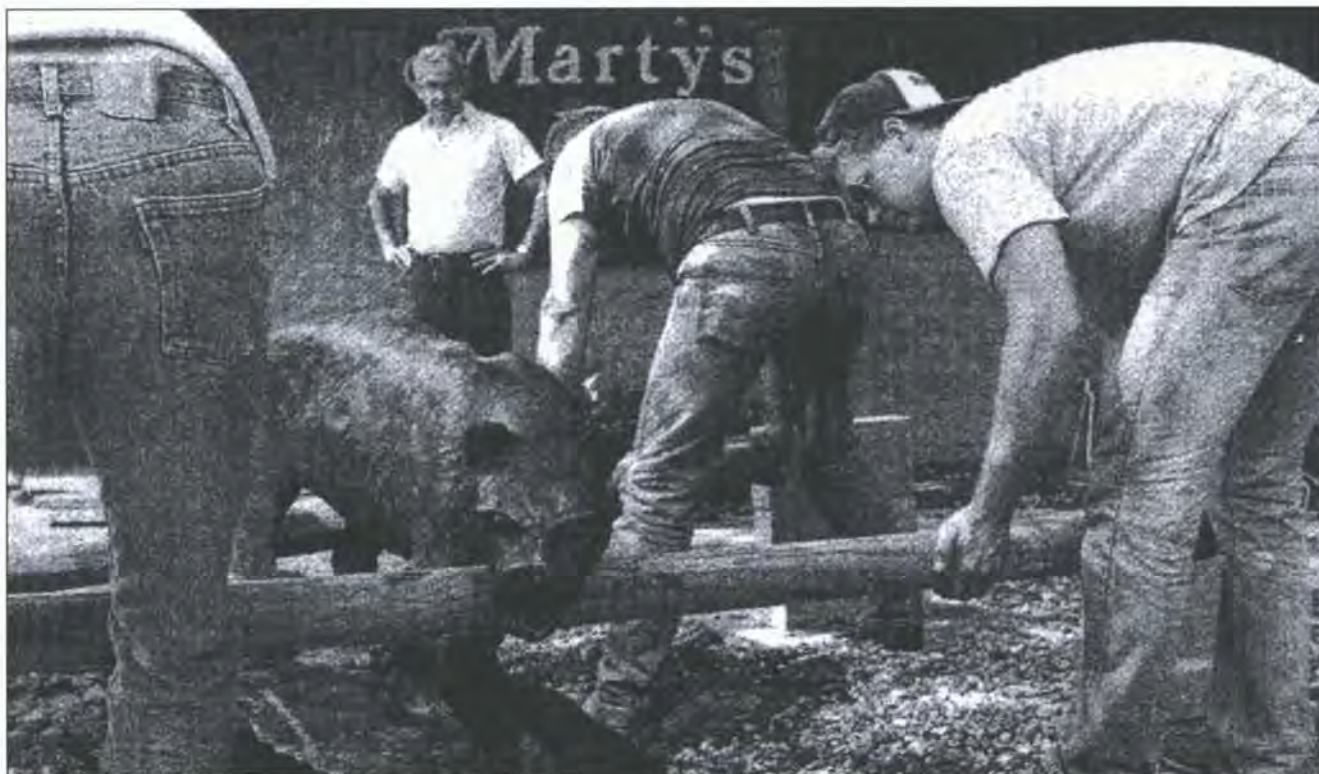
The statue, located in front of the popular bar and grill at 1666 Fourth St., was hit by a large blazer truck at 1:35 a.m. Wednesday, police said.

Charles L. McGhee, 33, of Kell, Ill., was charged with two counts of driving under the influence of alcohol in addition with failure to give information after striking an unattended property, police said.

Charleston Police reports said McGhee was driving southbound on Fourth Street and turned west onto Grant Avenue. McGhee cut his turn too close, the report said, and his vehicle jumped the curb and proceeded west on Grant Avenue.

The report said McGhee said he knew he struck something but wasn't sure what it was. McGhee didn't return to the scene of the accident because he didn't think anything was damaged, the report added.

Eric Tanner, a passenger in the truck, confirmed the story (See MARTY'S, page 8)



DAN REIBLE/Photo editor

Workers set the new panther, created by Eastern student Jim Hoker, in place outside Marty's Sunday morning.

The bronze statue replaces the concrete ornament destroyed in November of 1985 by a Blazer.

Marty's replaces panther statue

By CHRYSTAL PHILPOTT
City editor

Sunday marked the return of the panther—not the pink one but a Fourth Street landmark.

The Marty's panther, an Eastern landmark for 12 years which was destroyed in an accident in November 1985, was replaced Sunday with a new statue.

The new panther, created by Eastern student Jim Hoker, is a black bronze

statue similar to the original.

"We're really excited about it," said Dave Kinnaird, owner of Marty's, 1666 Fourth St. "Hopefully it (the panther) will be a part of Charleston's history for years to come. We're really excited about it."

"Jim's a very talented young man and he's done a really nice job making this panther. He's really done a fine job."

The original statue, which like the new one sat in front of the bar, was in-

jured in November 1985 when a large blazer truck, cutting a corner too close and jumping the curb, ran over the animal.

The concrete statue was taken down until a replacement could be obtained.

The original statue was put up in 1973 and had been painted on several different occasions, including green for St. Patrick's Day and pink for Homecoming, by unknown residents or students.

Above | Workers place the new panther into its place in front of Marty's in an article on Aug. 31, 1987. Dave Kinnard, Marty's owner, said the panther is used now as an icon of Eastern and a point of reference when giving directions.

Left | The driver who hit the panther was charged with a DUI, according to an article in *The Daily Eastern News* on Nov. 21, 1985. It took a year and nine months to replace the beloved panther.

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Kiki Chilligiris, a junior business management major, and Ashlee Hare, a sophomore special education major, of the Pink Panthers dance group, perform a contemporary dance to the song "Fix You" by Coldplay Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011, during the fourth annual Red Show in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

PHOTO | KIMBERLY FOSTER



Red for awareness

Participants, audience support fundraiser with fashion, talent show

The Red Show was just that, a show of red. Campus groups and audience members supported the AIDS cause by donating money and supporting the show.

Not only were all participants in the show wearing red, most of the audience showed up in red to show support for the AIDS cause.

The ballroom was filled with red balloons, ribbons, and lights that created a festive atmosphere. The Red Show had different performances by several on-campus groups, organizations, clubs, and Greeks.

On Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011, World AIDS Day, Eastern held its fourth annual fundraiser of The Red Show.

The event helps raise money for HIV and AIDS awareness and prevention.

HIV and AIDS are growing problems not only in the United States but, globally.

The majority of the performanc-

es were on-campus groups' including, E.N.T. Models, African Student Association and Glam modeling, performing a fashion show.

All models made their own clothes for the event. They were all wearing some form of red and many of the models wore clothes sporting an HIV/AIDS prevention statement such as, "get tested", "silence is deadly", and "stop aids."

African Student Association model Kayla Garner, a sophomore family and consumer sciences major, participated in the event.

"This is a wonderful event and I'm really enjoying myself. The Red Show brings great awareness of HIV and AIDS to the campus," she said.

Other performances included a salsa inspired dance put on by the Latin American Student Organization, a step show put on by Zeta Phi Beta, and poetry readings.

The Glam Models performed a skit before their fashion show that took place in an emergency room. The models were dressed up as doctors, people with HIV, and the family and friends of the those affected.

It portrayed doctors attempting to save the lives of people with the disease and reactions after receiving results of an HIV test. The skit showed the seriousness and the affect that the disease could have on a person's life.

Nana Gyasi, a model and a sophomore family and consumer sciences major, also participated in the event.

"The Red Show is a great idea because it brings awareness to the seriousness of the disease to our campus. I was happy to participate and I think the event should continue."

STORY | MELANIE THOMPSON



Members of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority perform during the fourth annual Red Show Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011, in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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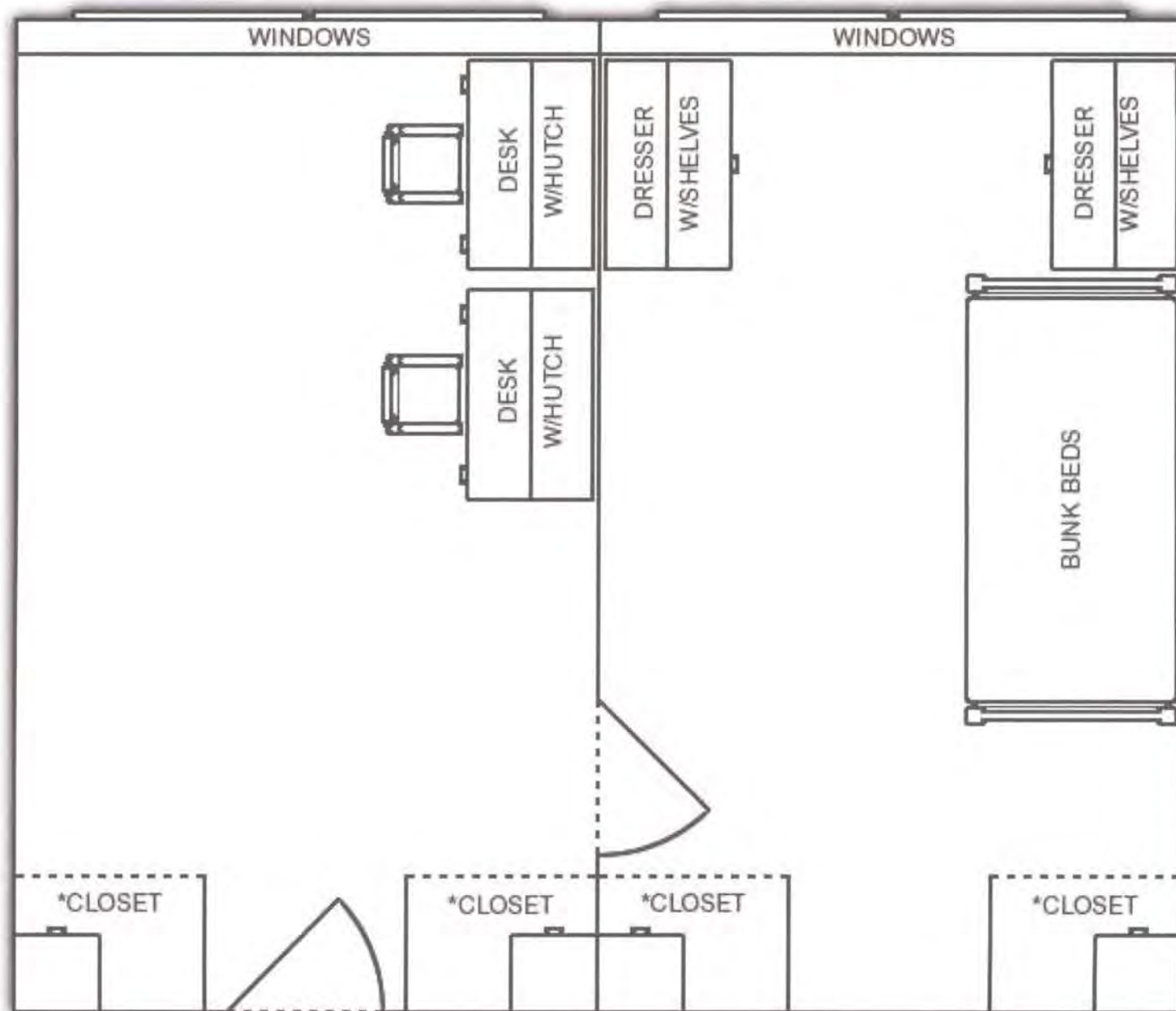


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DELUXEDOUBLES

Eastern changes up residence halls

For the first time in 10 years, Housing and Dining offers deluxe doubles as a room option on the ninth floor of Andrews Hall and the fourth floor in Thomas Hall.

The rooms come at an additional cost of \$450 per person per semester.

"The extra cost doesn't seem to influence residents from choosing this room type," said Kristie Eustice, Andrews Hall resident director.

"I would say if you are willing to pay for this, go for it," said Emily Imig, a sophomore elementary education major. "It's a cool experience and not very many people get to go through with it."

The residents said they appreciate the option of having a bigger room with a separate living area, allowing more space and giving different room arrangements, Eustice said.

According to the Housing and Dining website, the new room style allows students to bring more of their own furniture and is intended to give students a different living arrangement.

The idea is for students to use one room as a living room and the other room as a sleeping area.

"That way someone can sleep in one room while someone else studies or watches TV," said Erin McElroy, a junior psychology major. "You also have extra space for other furniture if you want. My roommate and I have a futon in one room of our deluxe double."

The deluxe doubles are two regular rooms connected by a door on the adjoining wall.



Amanda Kramer, a senior history major, and her roommate, Melissa Boydston, a senior journalism major, relax in their deluxe double suite on the ninth floor of Andrews Hall.

PHOTO | SHEA LAZANSKY

Each room measures 22 feet by 14 feet, 10 inches. They include two beds, two dressers, two desks and four closets.

No construction was needed due to modification that were made 10 years ago when the option was first implemented. Deluxe doubles were offered in 2000, and they lasted a few years but were taken back to the normal dorm style when popularity of the style went down.

"The deluxe doubles are a more effective use of space and that the feedback from students has been positive," said Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining Services.

"It makes living with another person easier by allowing personal space," Imig said.

STORY | MONAE THOMPSON &
BRANDYCE GORDON

“Every woman has a story.”

-Jeannie Ludlow, women's studies director



Eastern students and faculty watch a clip from the film “I Had an Abortion,” during the presentation “Good Women Have Abortions,” Monday, Jan. 23, 2012, in the Women’s Resource Center. The presentation was put in honor of the Roe v. Wade anniversary.

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Assistant professor of sociology Gene Deerman (right) sits with students as they listen to the presentation.
PHOTO | SETH SCHROEDER



Senior psychology major Rebecca Rowe listens as Ludlow answers student questions about abortion and the pro-choice movement.
PHOTO | SETH SCHROEDER

HOTTOPIC

“Good Women Have Abortions” brings new insight, fresh ideas

More than 30 students gathered in The Women’s Resource Center on Monday, Jan. 23, 2012, to hear an individual aspect on the topic of abortion through personal stories and research.

Before beginning the discussion and presentation, the Women’s Empowerment League showed a clip from the film, “I Had an Abortion,” a film that featured women’s personal stories about their experiences with abortion.

After the film, Jeannie Ludlow, director of women’s studies, presented her research on the topic to a crowd made mainly of female college students. Ludlow, who worked at an abortion clinic in Ohio for several years, said she has seen it all when it comes to the abortion process.

“Every woman has a story,” she said.

Ludlow explained to the group that abortion is too often looked at on a large-scale basis. She said abortion is more of an individual issue not a big picture idea, and that is how it should be viewed.

“It’s ultimately about trying to reclaim the idea of goodness,” Ludlow said.

By the end of 2011, 135 new provisions were enacted in 36 states. Of these, more than half restrict access to abortion services she said.

“Women’s access to abortion across the country is steadily being eroded,” she said.

Although abortion has become more accepted in society, it is still not discussed to the individual degree it should be Ludlow said. It’s still on the larger scale.

“Abortion doesn’t happen because life is easy, it happens because life is complicated,” she said.

Ludlow stressed that women have to make decisions based on their own lives and the people they love around them, which further makes it a personal decision and not a government one. “It’s up to us to be supportive, regardless of whether you’re pro-choice or pro-life,” she said.

STORY | ROBYN DEXTER

'JUST CHARGE IT'

Accounts prove confusing, helpful to students

A student's account can cause problems and create confusion, but it can also be a huge help.

Some students like knowing there is always a backup plan for when they need to pay for something but don't have the money.

Students can charge university costs, from parking tickets to health service needs, onto their student accounts.

"Students cannot just charge anything to their account," said Linda Coffey, the bursar of the student accounts department. "We would not allow students to charge a crazy amount."

"The craziest amount that a student has been billed was \$600 from parking tickets."

There are different methods for charging things to a student account.

For example, for students to increase their dining dollars the student must sign a contract. Then Housing and Dining documents how much was charged.

For students to charge other expenses to their account, the charges must be approved by the accounting department to make sure that what is being charged will be paid off by the students.

Charging to a student's account gives a sense of relief that the student doesn't have to pay for anything right at that moment, but every student has to pay off the student account charges at the end of each semester.

"Charging things to my student account helps me at that moment because I need something to be paid for," said Toyin Adesanya, a sophomore biology major.

If students do not pay off the charges in their account, they will have to pay a 1 percent financial charge per month.

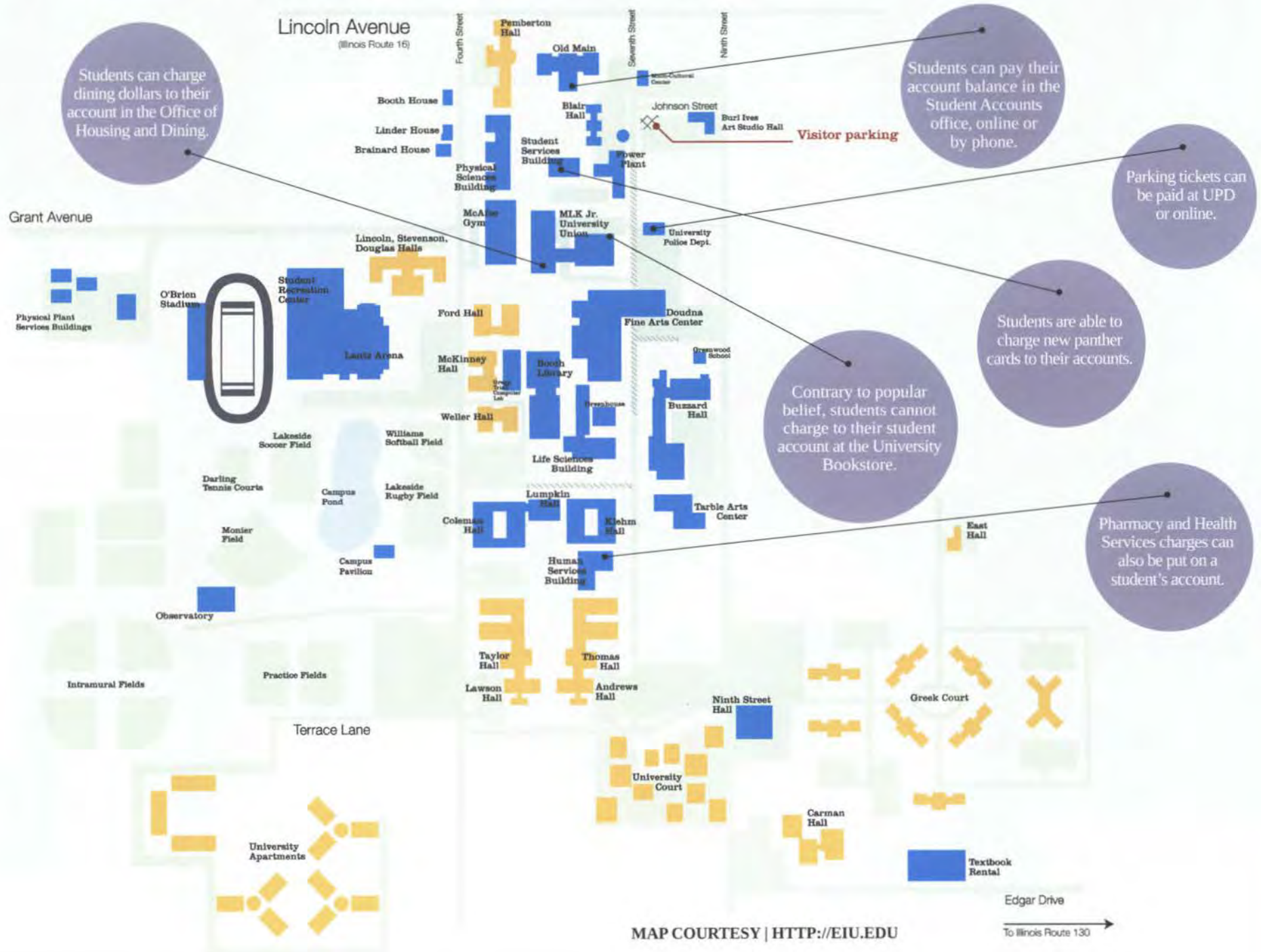
If they still do not pay, then their account will be put on hold for the following semester.

"Students can add a maximum of \$500 to use as dining dollars, but students have not charged that much before," said Lindsay Partlow, of Housing and Dining.

When it is time to pay for charges on a student's account, students can pay through credit card, debit card, check and money order.

STORY | ISALY FERGUSON

Where can I charge to my student account?



COLLEGE FOR 100

Eastern student take third on "Jeopardy!"

"Jeopardy!" has been an American game show for many years and has been on TV in many different forms. One of the most popular versions of "Jeopardy!," besides the original, is the college championship.

Anne Rozek, a junior geography major, was one of 15 students chosen to compete in the nation, and the first student to ever be chosen from Eastern. Over winter break, Rozek and her father, Daniel, flew out to California for a few days to record her episodes.

"I watch the show all the time, and they have ads during the commercial breaks on the show, telling you to take the online exams, sign up today," she said.

Rozek was encouraged to apply by a family friend who had actually competed on "Jeopardy!" for five days and had been the tournament champion.

She took the online test over spring break in 2010. The online test is 50 questions, where a contestant has 15 seconds to answer a question, Rozek said.

"When the question first pops up, either you know it right away or you don't know it at all," Rozek said.

Preparing for "Jeopardy!" came easily for the Eastern student, who had been on her high school scholastic bowl team for four years. Also, watching the show helped her prepare.

"I kind of expected what ques-

tions would be asked," Rozek said. "I quizzed myself with sporcle.com. They have quizzes where you have to unscramble letters and before/after questions. So between that, Trivial Pursuit and watching the show, that was basically my preparation."

Rozek found out the results of her test in May 2010 and she was selected out of 12,000 students for a callback in Kansas City, Mo.

"We give another 50-question test with a mobile computer system that works like our game board so that the students can see what it would be like to play the game live and for real," said Maggie Speak, "Jeopardy!" contestant coordinator.

In December of last year, Rozek received a call asking her to compete in the college championship. Over winter break, she flew out to Los Angeles and headed to Culver City, Calif., to film her appearance on the show.

Being from one of the smaller competing schools Rozek wanted to prove that the "underdog" could compete with the Ivy League schools.

"Even though I'm not an Ivy (League) student, it doesn't mean that I can't be competitive with them," Rozek said.

Competing on stage was drastically different from the preliminary rounds, she said.

"The buzzers and timing make all the difference," Rozek said. "The question pops up on the big board.



Jacob Deters, a junior music education major, winces as he watches the episode of "Jeopardy!" starring Anne Rozek, a junior geography major, during a viewing in the Andrews Hall basement Thursday Feb. 2, 2012.

PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI

You're reading the question. You're listening to Alex (Trebek) read the question and once he's finished, two sets of lights on the sides of the board light up that say you can buzz in."

Daniel, Rozek's father, said he was proud and "amazingly nervous" watching his daughter compete.

"I couldn't believe how calm and composed she looked, despite being onstage with lights in her face, cameras moving around the set and Alex Trebek firing questions at her," he said. "I was a basket case just sitting in the audience watching her."

As the first student from Eastern to compete on "Jeopardy!," Rozek said she was pleased with her performance.

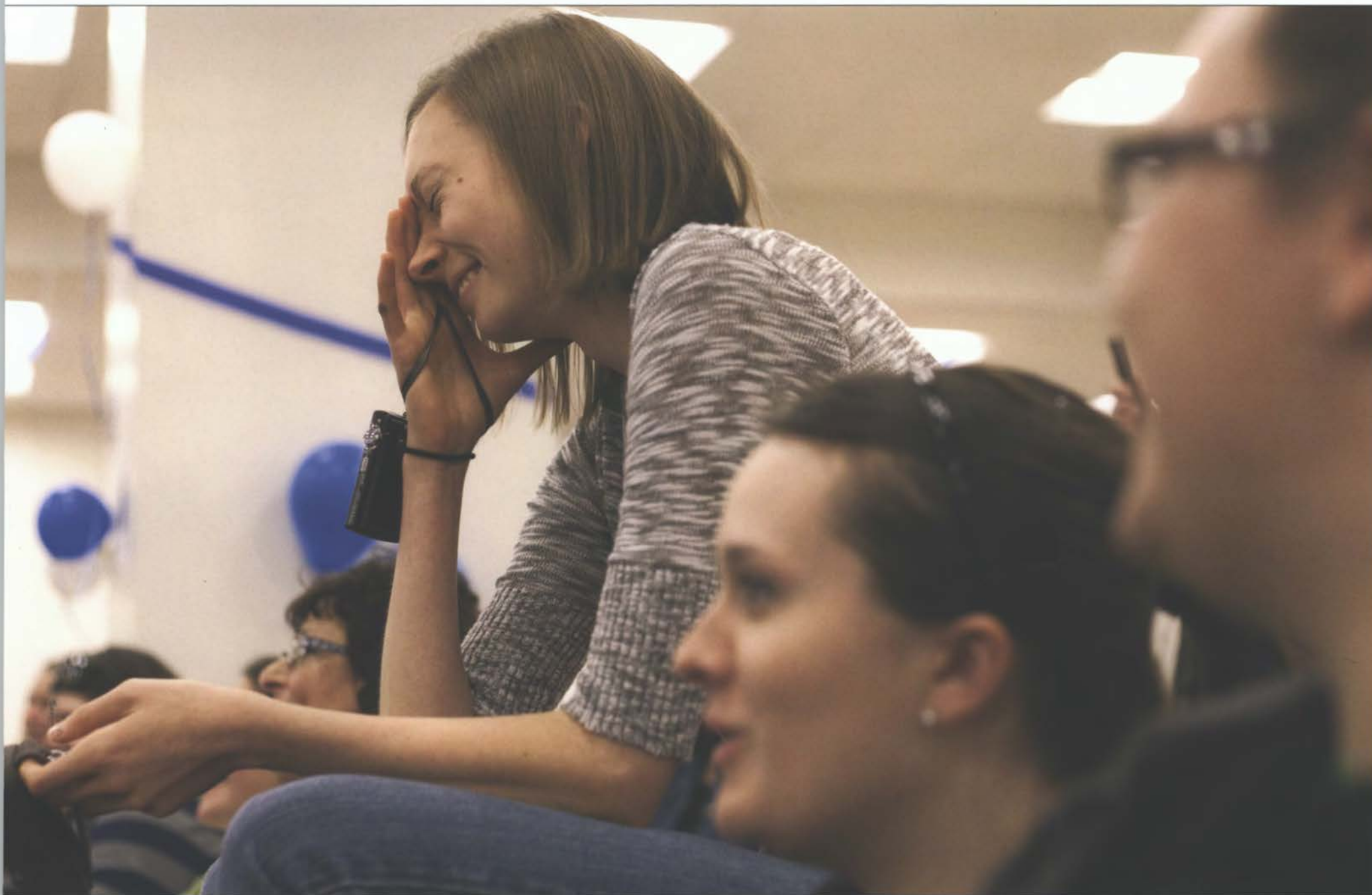
"I would have liked to have done better, just to say 'Look, there are

smart people here [at Eastern], and we can do really well,'" she said. "I wanted to prove that this wasn't a fluke, that I do have a reason to be here. They didn't just select me because I'm from a school that hadn't ever competed before."

Daniel said Rozek got to experience being on TV and meeting other people from other schools that she never would have met if it weren't for being on the show.

"She had the opportunity to meet some really bright people from different schools she otherwise wouldn't have ever known," he said. "She learned how to cope with the intense pressure of an unusual situation — being on TV."

STORY | SHEA LAZANSKY



Anne Rozek, a junior geography major, reacts as she watches herself answer a question during the first airing of the "Jeopardy!" episode she was in during a viewing party in the Andrews Hall basement Thursday Feb. 2, 2012. "Everyone has been so supportive. Rozek said it's really great that they came out and were cheering and forgave my not so great buzzer skills and brain farts.
PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI



Jordan Dekker, a sophomore art major, works on a still life painting for one of her classes on Friday, Sept. 30, 2011. Dekker's class was assigned the project to help their understanding of color and oil paint.
PHOTO | SHEA LAZANSKY

academics.

Every student comes to Eastern for the same basic reason — to leave with a diploma in hand. Each decision to go to class, find your a major, or study for that grade-altering final weighs heavily on the individual student's story.

It's impossible to define the individual academic journey of each student at Eastern. To define academics would be to try and define every major, every research paper, and every rain-soaked walk to Coleman Hall. From the start of the academic process, with a student's first class as a freshman, to his or her final graduation photos in front of the Marty's panther, a story is created.

Although academics can not be defined, the stories that students make during their time create a portrait of Eastern. This portrait shows Eastern as a combination of stories framed by academics with each one defined by the others but individually undefined.



A double-blind study is a study in which neither of the participants nor the experimenters know who is receiving the treatment or who is in the control group. This study is used to avoid bias.

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DOUBLED UP

Psychology students experience research methods hands on

For many majors, research may not be the most exciting topic, but for psychology majors it can become a real life experience.

Research Methods are brought to life with student created experiments.

"We learn a lot about research and psychology, how it works, the importance of it, and how difficult it is," said Ann Wolters, a senior psychology major.

In class, students are put into groups and they create a topic of research that interests them and they build a study around it.

"There is a range of studies," said Jeff Stowell, a psychology professor. "There are studies on things like reality television and communication patterns."

Stowell said studies go on through-

out the semester, which is important for students in Introduction to Psychology who get graded for participation in the studies.

According to the psychology department website, Introduction to Psychology students are required to participate in four hours of research or they must complete four library assignments.

"We are having issues because no men are signing up," said Jim Orseno, a senior psychology major. He said that teachers say men usually sign up later in the semester for the studies.

According to Stowell, the students in Research Methods classes design studies that are touch sensory experiments, as well as question and answer experiments.

Orseno and Wolters' study asks

students questions on handling stress based on certain scenarios.

"We want to know how students cope with stress and whether they avoid it or face it head on," Wolters said.

According to Orseno, the group came up with scenarios from their real lives.

"We used each other as examples, because some stressful situations are social along with academic stress," Orseno said.

This is a semester-long process and the results of the studies are posted in the Physical Science building at the end of the semester.

"Whether you are going into research or clinical work this really helps you," Orseno said.

STORY | BETH STEELE

"We learn a lot about research and psychology, how it works, the importance of it, and how difficult it is."

Ann Wolters, a senior psychology major

SURROUNDED BY GREEN

Built in 1962, Eastern's greenhouse is home of research projects

He is Eastern's greenhouse manager. He is the biology preparation room manager and a webmaster. He is Steven Malehorn.

Malehorn is in charge of the H.F. Thut Greenhouse on campus. The Thut Greenhouse was built in 1962, and serves as a botanical conservatory and as a facility for growing plants that are used for research and classroom use.

"People can visit whenever they want to just by contacting an individual listed on the greenhouse home page for access and tours," Malehorn said.

Malehorn attended Eastern and received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree.

He started working at Eastern in Au-

gust 1998.

"I worked in the greenhouse as a graduate student and enjoyed it," he said. "When the position of greenhouse manager opened, I jumped in."

Malehorn said 850 different plant species live in the greenhouse and adjacent outdoor gardens.

"I enjoy the warm, humid environment and green plants in the winter when there's snow on the ground," he said.

Plants in the greenhouse receive special care for each season. In the winter, the plants do not grow much and require only occasional watering and pest control, Malehorn said.

In the spring, the plants begin to grow more and require fertilization, some watering, re-potting and pest control. Then in the summer, the plants need lots of watering and pest control.

"The Secret Garden is a collection of nearly 500 species and cultivar specimens growing in a diverse series of garden settings," Malehorn said. "These gardens range from full-sun to full-shade environments containing native and cultivated plants, perennials and annuals, flowering and foliage plants as well as trees and shrubs."

STORY | ISALY FERGUSON



Steven Malehorn, greenhouse manager, stands outside the H.F. Thut Greenhouse Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, near what is referred to as "The Secret Garden," which Malehorn calls a hidden gem many Eastern students unwittingly stumble upon.

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The greenhouse houses many plants, such as the Venus Fly Trap, shown here reacting to an oral stimulus provided by Malehorn.

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The *Mimosa pudica*, known in laymen's terms as the Sensitive Plant, has leaves which fold in on themselves at the slightest touch, according to Malehorn.

PHOTO | KIMBERLY FOSTER



Steven Malehorn works as the greenhouse manager in the H.F. Thut Greenhouse. The greenhouse has over 850 different plant species in the greenhouse and adjacent outdoor gardens with each plant requiring special care.
PHOTO | KIMBERLY FOSTER

2011 SENIORS

About 1,500 students graduated from Eastern in May

College students around the world have different goals when coming to college.

Some come to make friends, some come for the experience and some come because they did not have any other choice.

In the end, they are all working towards leaving their institution equipped with all of the necessary tools to survive in the real world.

On Saturday, May 7, 2011, the class of 2011 attained this goal. About 1,500 students gathered in Lantz Arena for the last time.

Graduating students showed expressions of sadness, happiness and, some, just plain relief.

"I had never been so excited in my life," Brittany Davidson, a graduating communications major, said. "A lot of my friends were terrified and sad about leaving but I was excited to start the next chapter in my life."

Eastern graduates will impact the world with what they learned.

"The degree doesn't give you a job, it gives you the skill set to be creative, professional, and ambitious," said Kamesha Gordon, a graduating communication studies major.

Eastern has been graduating students for 115 years, sending generations of alumni into the world.

These graduates are not the first and most certainly will not be the last.

"My entire college career, I lived by one saying," Megan McGee, a graduating communication studies major, said. "What's the difference between school and life? In school you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life you're given a test that teaches you a lesson."

"I'm not nervous about it and I know something will come my way," Davison said. "Eastern did a great job of preparing me for my future career and endeavors."

STORY | MEGAN JOHNSON



Eastern President Bill Perry makes Student Body President Michelle Murphy laugh while he shakes her hand at the commencement program Saturday, May 7, 2011, in Lantz Arena. President Perry and Murphy both gave a speech during the commencement.

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Students walk and prepare to cross and get their diploma during the College of Arts and Humanities commencement.

PHOTO | OLIVIA ANGELOFF



Students sit during the Arts and Humanities commencement at Lantz Arena.
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EWP... WTF?

Electronic Writing Portfolio broken down step-by-step

Graduation is not guaranteed by just passing classes. Students have to complete an Electronic Writing Portfolio to walk away from campus with a diploma.

The EWP requires each student to electronically submit three papers to be read by professors and used to evaluate Eastern's writing skills as a whole.

"It's not individual but institution wide," said Melinda Mueller, professor of political science.

Papers used to satisfy the EWP requirement must be turned in as an assignment for a writing-intensive course.

After the student deems the paper qualified, he or she has to go online to the EWP website, accessed through Eastern's homepage, and the papers are sent to the professor of the class they were originally written.

The professor then rates the papers on a one-to-four scale, with four being the best. The content, organization, style and mechanics are all rated. The scores are averaged with all three papers and kept in the students EWP records.

Each year, trained faculty reads about 10 percent, the appropriate amount to get a good overview, of the portfolios completed in that year.

They use those to create assessments of the writing levels at the university.

The faculty who read the papers have focus groups to help make the assessments of the writing. Once completed, the results are given to faculty to look over.

This assessment makes Eastern credible to accrediting bodies as well as students, potential students, parents of students and others.

The EWP is the not the first assessment Eastern has had in place for writing. Before the EWP, students had to pay \$20 to take a writing composition exam. It was a four-to-five hour writing exam on a Saturday afternoon, where students had to write two essays and complete a grammar portion.

According to Karla Sanders, director for the center for Academic Support and Achievement, the faculty did not see this as fit to judge student writing and changed it to EWP in 2000.

The EWP helps Eastern keep its writing standard up, and it is more applicable to life after college since the writing that student would be doing in class is closer to the writing that they would be doing after graduation, she said.

The EWP is mandatory for graduation and

should be an easy thing to accomplish, Sanders said. The work students are turning in is work they've already done for classes, she added.

Sanders suggests students submit early so they do not run out of time because students can only submit from a current semester class.

Robert Sonandres, a junior history major, has no plan on how he is going to submit.

"I don't really see the point. I think it is more for Eastern than the student," he said.

Will Beltran, a freshman political science major, didn't know what EWP was or how to complete it for graduation.

Once Beltran was informed, he said it seemed like a lot of work and that Eastern was adding onto his plate.

"The EWP is better than the writing competency exam; hands down better," said Sanders, an Eastern alum who had to take the exam.

Another student, Jill Monroe, a freshman English major, said the EWP isn't that big of a deal for students.

"It adds a small burden, but in theory it is a good idea," she said.

STORY | BRANDYCE GORDON



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Q & A WITH...

the vice presidents

William Weber

vice president for Business Affairs

William Weber has been at Eastern for 24 years. He started in 1988 in the economics department, then in 1998 he spent two years as the associate dean in the College of Sciences. After that, Weber moved to associate vice president for Academic Affairs. He also spent a year and a half as interim university budget director and then came into this job in 2009.

Q: What do you do for Eastern?

A: I do the administrative financial and operation aspect of the university. There are seven departments that report directly to me.

Treasure and business services—They are in charge of buying things, paying vendors, establishing contracts, etc.

Planning budget and institutional research—They set up budgets, planning efforts, institutional characteristics to various agencies, etc.

Human resources—That's the area that handles essential employee matters, so making sure employees are getting paid, helping them with their benefits and some of the aspects of hiring new employees.

Information technology services—They are the group that handles the technology info structure on campus, the ones that make sure that we have Internet, email and programming.

Facilities planning and management—That's the group that makes sure the grounds are in shape and the buildings are getting taken care of, remodeling and utilities.

Environmental health and safety—That group is responsible for making sure we have plans in place to handle emergency situations. They do everything from making sure the fire extinguisher is working all the way to making sure that we have annual ex-



ercises in making sure we know how to handle emergency situations.

Records management—There are many state rules in terms of how to manage records, how to dispose of records and when, how long you have to hold on to them

Q: What is your day-to-day job like?

A: I don't know if there is such a thing as an average day. But certainly a lot of my job has to deal with communication and making sure that various groups are informed about changes that are in process or developments that are needed. I network a lot with the various government groups that are on campus. I meet regularly with faculty Senate, staff senate, civil service council, president's council, council on university planning and budget. It's definitely a full job but I am really pleased with what I have been able to accomplish. What took up much of my time for 2011 was Eastern's strategic planning process.

Daniel Nadler

vice president for Student Affairs

Daniel Nadler, vice president for Student Affairs, was the associate vice president for Student Affairs at Tulane University before coming to Eastern. He was at Tulane for 12 years and joined Eastern in 2005. His three degrees are from Southern Illinois – Carbondale.

Q: What are some of the differences between working in New Orleans and working in Charleston?

A: Well, the towns, the cities, are vastly different in size and culture. New Orleans and the surrounding areas are about 1 million people. In Charleston, we're in a city where about half of the residents are students, and the rest are permanent residents.

Q: What drew you to Eastern, as opposed to any other school in the country?

A: Well, there were several reasons. The position was, and continues to be, a broad-based position involving many of the traditional areas of student affairs, along with some unique aspects of higher education. I'm originally from Chicago, so this gives me the opportunity to be within driving range of family and friends, which was an important element. I was just pleasantly amazed when I began doing research about Eastern and finding out about the high retention rates, high graduation rates, the student to faculty ratio, how satisfied students were with the education they received. Coming to the institution, for me, it felt very much like a private school. I was working at a high level private institution, at the time, a top 30 school in the country. So I came to Eastern, I felt a lot of the same feelings I felt: the caring, helping attitude of the faculty and staff, the close relationships, the integration of the educational experience.

Q: Can you explain your job?

A: Most of what I do entails the out of classroom experiences that students have. Those are aligned in such a way that they really help complement the academic experience that students receive. About half of my job is really working with the president, the other senior officers of the university. The other half of my job is leading the different components of Student Affairs.



Q: What are some of the benefits of your position?

A: The perks are really watching students learn, grow and develop. You see it happen in different ways for students; some are rapid, some take time. I have a great opportunity to see students when they come in, and then throughout their education experience, and equally, and perhaps most importantly as they cross the stage at commencement. And that's what it's all about. It's remarkable sometimes, the amount of growth and development you see in students. But it's a bittersweet moment as well. You want to see students go on and do different things, but also at the same time, there are many times when it's hard to see them go. It's a happy occasion, but it's sad as well.

Q: How much input does your position allow you to have in the way student life functions on a day-to-day basis?

A: It's a phenomenal amount of influence and participation. The fact that there is a president and four vice presidents, I feel important to be one of them, knowing that I am not the student speaking, but I carry the student voice. Not to say that others don't, but certainly, with the kind of responsibility I have, I feel a great sense of responsibility sitting around the table, making sure the student is heard.

Bob Martin

vice president
for University Advancement

Bob Martin has been at Eastern since 2009. Before he was associate vice president at Auburn University.

Q: How would you describe your job to students?

A: What I do is deal with everything external to the university, such as fundraising, capital campaigns, alumni services, marketing, communications, social media, federal government relations. Anything that puts us in the best light externally is what I handle.

Q: What does the philanthropy department do specifically?

A: It raises money. The capital campaign they just did was the EIU Expects Greatness. Anything that deals with giving back to someone supporting Eastern.

Q: How do you keep up relations with alumni?

A: What we do is we have different alumni events all over Illinois and the country. We just got back from one in Florida. We have several in Chicago. We have a great staff that goes to areas with concentrations of alumni. We did one in San Francisco and we're going one this weekend in Atlanta. We take the show on the road and go out. At different times we do different activities, like we may go to a Cubs game, a White Sox game. We're doing a Spring Training game with the Cubs and the A's out in Arizona. So we do different social activities to keep them more engaged and we took the campaign on the road.

Q: Why did you decide to take the job at Eastern?

A: That's a good question. It's kinda like I'm on my interview again. I had been assistant vice president handling just the fundraising side of things,



touching a bit into the alumni side. Eastern offered the whole package of opportunity of me, which included all of the advancements. Including the marketing and the alumni services part, which I love, and the fundraising part, which is my biggest area of expertise.

Q: What major advancements have you been a part of since 2009?

A: The first successful capital campaign. We're two years ahead of schedule. We talked and said we were going to go 35-40 million and President Bill Perry and I decided 'Look with the steering committee we're going to go 50 million,' and the consultant is going 'whoa.' We hit the goal last week, two years ahead of schedule. And then another thing is enhancing alumni relationships as far as getting an increased number of volunteers to help with fundraising campaign, to help with alumni events and enhancing the quality of alumni events. We have another thing that we do, the annual phone-a-thon. And we completely computerized and modernized the entire system.

Blair Lord

vice president for Academic Affairs
and provost

Blair Lord has been provost and vice president of Academic Affairs at Eastern for 11 years. He received his undergraduate degree and Ph.D. from the University of California at Davis. Before becoming a part of Eastern, he was vice provost for Academic Affairs at the University of Rhode Island. Lord has also taught finance at both Eastern and University of Rhode Island.

Q: What is your role in the university?

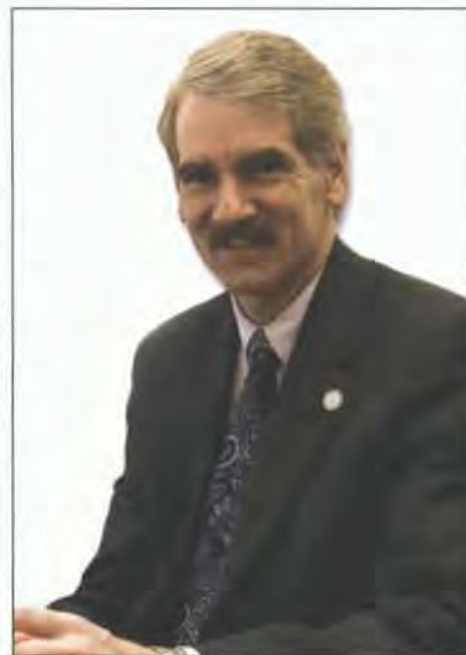
A: The provost and vice president of Academic Affairs is one of the four leaders of the four divisions of the university. As vice president of Academic Affairs all the deans report to me, and all the stuff that happens in class is a responsibility of the Academic Affairs division. I am the vice president responsible for everything that happens in terms of formal education here. In our particular structure, the provost and vice president of academic affairs is the senior vice president in terms of if the president is unavailable and they need an answer, they come to me.

Q: Why is Academic Affairs important?

A: Colleges and universities are fundamentally here to provide education to students and the formal part of education is a part of academic affairs. One can argue that the purpose of the institution is embedded in the educational opportunities that we provide, which is the responsibility of the Academic Affairs division.

Q: How is the Academic Affairs office different than the other three?

A: On one level the institutions general funds budget is about 80 percent devoted to academic affairs. The academics affairs division has the most people because it takes a lot of people to deliver education, both in terms of the number of individuals, number of employees. We have over 600 faculty members of different types plus the support staff and all of that is a responsibility of Academic Affairs



and requires the resources to support that. It is different in the sense that the Academic Affairs division is the only one that has faculty employees. Faculty is granted enormous amounts of freedom to conduct their jobs in ways they deem appropriate. The notions of academic freedom and the responsibility and latitude to structure what they do with students in and out of the classroom is very different than any other kind of employees in the university.

Q: What are some of the improvements you have seen in the university through Academic Affairs?

A: I think the institution has developed, matured, and strengthened itself, and the delivery of its educational mission. We focused on academic goals, study abroad, improved faculty and student engagement and research, scholarships. We have always been a strong teaching institution, and I think we are even stronger now than we were when I arrived. We've used a new learning principle, integrative learning, and tried to capture all of what a student is experiencing at the university and help them understand how that all fits together as an educational opportunity.



The majority of college students say their main reason for skipping class is to sleep in.
PHOTO ILLUSTRATION | DANNY DAMIANI

SKIPPING CLASS

Students share their reasons for ditching

It happens every day on campuses all across America, a college student's alarm sounds and with a moment of thought, a decision is made: shut off the alarm and go back to bed. That student will not be making it to class today.

Skipping class is as much of a college tradition as residence halls and fraternity parties, but what are students doing when they are not in class? The overall consensus is sleep.

Mitch Davis, a junior marketing major, said almost 100 percent of the time he skips class to sleep. Davis said on average he probably skips one class a week and that class is almost always his class at 9 a.m.

"I usually need to keep sleeping to try and recover from the night before," Davis said. He added Thursday nights are his favorite nights to go out.

Not everyone is missing class in order to catch up on some sleep. Maureen Gilbert, a sophomore communication studies major, said the few times a month she skips it's usually because she is hungry.

Gilbert said this semester all of her classes start at noon and that is the time she needs to eat. Gilbert lives in her sorority's chapter house and said it is dif-

ficult to go to class when she is hungry and all of her friends are going to eat.

Gilbert also had other reasons for why she skips her classes. She said sometimes it is just to sleep and a few times it has been to drive to Champaign to the mall with her friends.

Not every student at Eastern is comfortable with skipping class. Nick Savage, a junior communication studies major, has only missed four classes the entire time he has been here.

Homework and sleep are the reason Savage has skipped those classes. He said a few times he had an assignment to finish for another class and had no other time to work on it.

Savage said, "I hate missing class because I get behind, but I hate not turning in homework too."

There has only been one time Savage chose to sleep instead of go to class, he said.

Teachers encourage their students to have regular class attendance because attending class leads to better grades. But inevitably, students will do what they want.

STORY | OLIVIA ANGELOFF

International Professors

Many students would not realize the diverse staff at Eastern.

Here are some perspectives from around the world. STORY | BETH STEELE



Q: What are some of the biggest differences between America and Thailand?

A: The school system is different. We have 12 years just as you do and four years of college but students have to wear a uniform. Students that want to go to college would prefer to go to a state institution, like Eastern, as opposed to a private college. You have to take an entrance exam and those that go to state universities are proud because they get placed there.

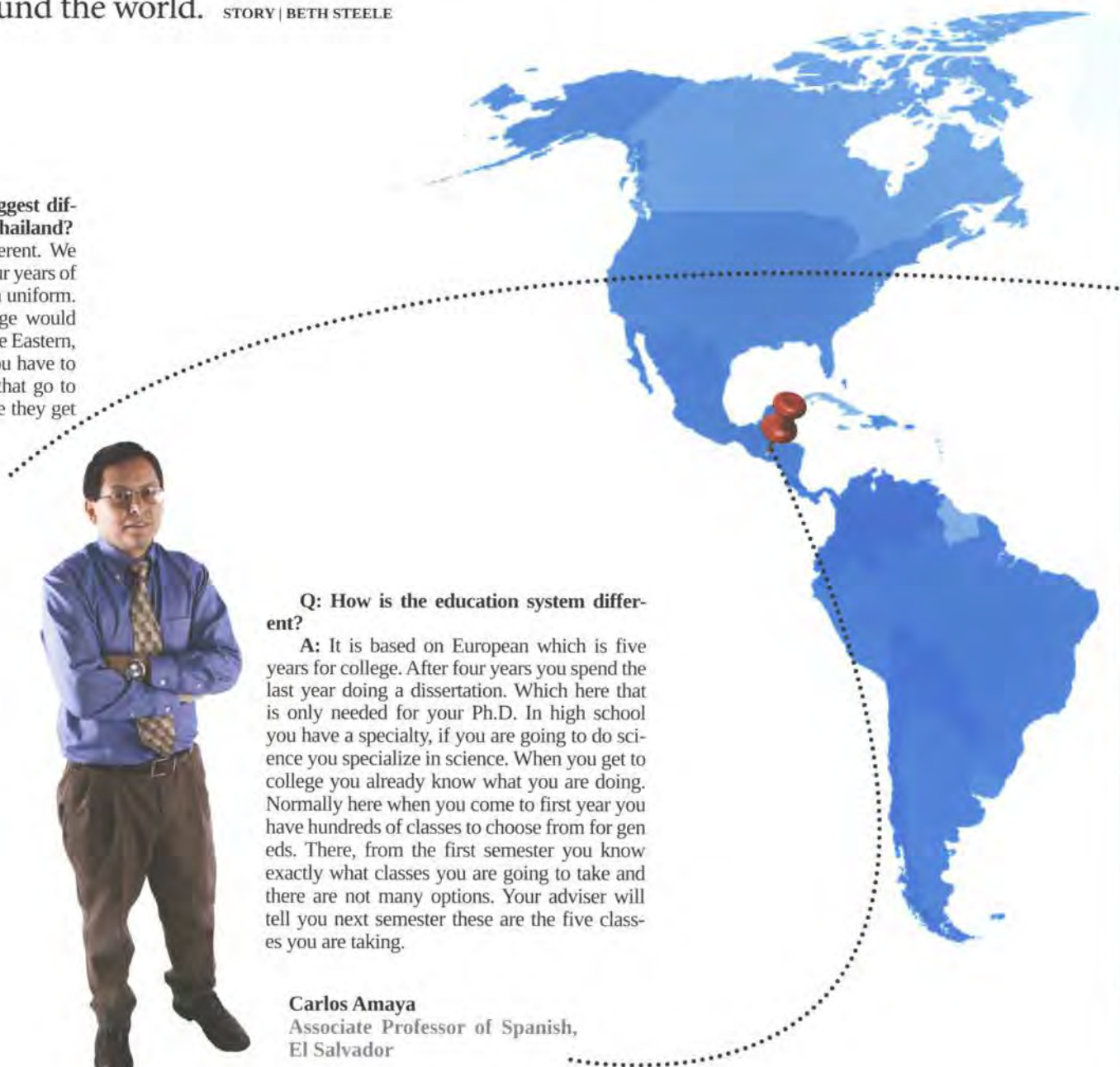
Duangrudi Suksang,
Professor of English, Thailand



Q: How is the education system different?

A: It is based on European which is five years for college. After four years you spend the last year doing a dissertation. Which here that is only needed for your Ph.D. In high school you have a specialty, if you are going to do science you specialize in science. When you get to college you already know what you are doing. Normally here when you come to first year you have hundreds of classes to choose from for gen eds. There, from the first semester you know exactly what classes you are going to take and there are not many options. Your adviser will tell you next semester these are the five classes you are taking.

Carlos Amaya
Associate Professor of Spanish,
El Salvador





Q: Did you teach in Germany?

A: I have taught in Germany since I graduated and I still go back and teach workshops to graduate students.

Q: What is one thing you had to get used to when you came to America?

A: One aspect is transportation. I used to ride my bike everywhere, to get groceries and go to class. When I came here I tried to ride my bike and it was difficult so I switched to a car.

Claudia Janssen

Assistant Professor of Communication Studies, Germany

Q: How was the transition from school in Germany to school here?

A: It was a big change because here there are attendance requirements homework assignments and three and four classes during the semester. Here everything is more structured and there were a lot more things I had to deliver every week. So you had to be in the classroom, pay attention to the lecture, and read the textbook, which was different than what I was used to.

Marko Grunhagen,

Lumpkin Distinguished Professor of Entrepreneurship, Germany

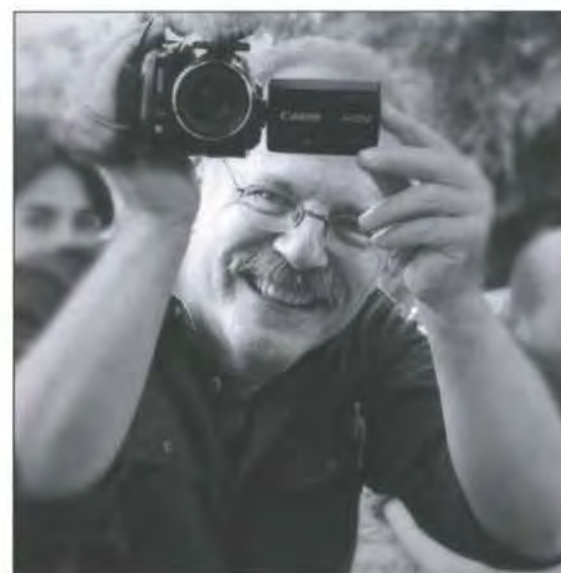
Q: What made you decide to come to Eastern?

A: When I was looking for job, I liked living in Louisiana but I missed the seasons.

I missed spring the most and central Illinois looks similar to where I am from. What attracted me to EIU was that it is one of the lowest tuition rates and I feel like that gives blue collar students from blue collar families an opportunity to go to college, and that was important to me.

Michael Menze,

Assistant Professor of Biology, Germany





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DOUBLELIFE

Professor's film beats out Scorsese at the IN-EDIT International Film Festival

After leaving Chile at the age of 17, Gary Fritz returned to produce a movie that would eventually beat out Martin Scorsese's "George Harrison: Living in the Material World," a documentary, to be shown at the IN-EDIT International Film Festival in Chile.

Fritz is a biological sciences professor at Eastern.

The IN-EDIT International Film Festival is the largest international documentary film festival producer in the world.

Fritz's "Piedra Roja" is a documentary about the history of the Red Rock Festival that took place in the hills of Santiago, Chile on Oct. 11, 1970, and the social and political implications that occurred in the aftermath.

Fritz co-produced the documentary with his wife, Ann Fritz.

During the Sunday, Dec. 18, 2012, film's showing, Fritz said the crowd in attendance seemed emotionally involved because of historical relevance to Chile.

'Little White Dove'

Fritz said the majority of Chilean people know about the festival, but he did not know why until later.

"One of the reasons is because the year following the festival, a man produced a book called ('Palomita Blanca') and the first chapter of his book starts at the festival," Fritz said.

The book, a romantic story set to the backdrop of political and entertainment history, was published in 1971 and written by Enrique Lafourcade and remains Chile's bestselling book of all time.

"And because of its fame it's now read in all of the schools—at least the public ones—it's like their (The Adventures of Tom Sawyer)," Fritz said.

Fritz said the making of the film was a confluence of events that occurred just at the right time.

"Three-and-a-half years ago, I rediscovered a tape recording that had been buried in my father's and mother's house for decades that was a tape recording that my brother and I did while at the festival," Fritz said. "It's the only tape recording of the festival that I know exists in the world."

From Wisconsin to Chile

In the annex of the Life Sciences Building, surrounded by books, a wall of windows with the floor blanketed by a tanned rug, Fritz often reminisces about the time he spent in Chile when he was 17.

Fritz, who was born in Wisconsin, was in Chile because his parents were Methodist missionaries and he lived in the country while his father was the director of an all-girls school.

The hour-and-a-half recording consisted of various artist interviews and music taken during the festival.

"Many of the artists and bands were just starting out, but now they're the equivalent to Chile's Eric Clapton or England's Beatles," he said.

Fritz, then 17, was one of the original organizers of the festival, originally named Half-Moon until Chilean newspapers renamed it Piedra Roja, but he said he did not know the historical impact of the event until Henry Owen, an Eastern professor, told him about the discussions taking place on the Internet.

"They thought it was some mythical, legendary, free-rock festival from the past, but 'who played, if anyone played,'" Fritz said. "But it was all really hazy and the reason is because it was a hippie festival."

Fritz also said the rise in his age groups' presence on the Internet and Facebook helped him locate his old friends and gather old photographs via Flickr, a photo-sharing website.

Coincidentally, Fritz said, he was surprised when he was contacted by a historian who traveled around the world discussing various topics, one of which was the historical importance of the Red Rock Festival.

"Not only was (the festival) a part of my life when I was there, but this festival had come to have—apparently—some kind of status and purveyed in the Chilean psyche 40 years later," Fritz said.

Jorge, repercussions and 'sex-obsessed hippies'

"Many people I talk to tell me to this day say that the festival was the best time of their lives," Fritz said.

But, the festival repercussions were not positive

for those involved, Fritz said.

One of the most affected participants was the festival's creator, then 19 years old, Jorge Gomez, Fritz said.

Gomez was the oldest member of the group when he got the idea to organize a Woodstock-like event, Fritz said.

"Everyone had gone to see Woodstock the movie and we all thought that's cool," he said. "(Gomez) said 'You know, why don't have our own Woodstock, but we'll make it free.'"

From there, the group got lighting and made fliers, Fritz said.

While the festival-goers enjoyed the three-day festival, Fritz said the Chilean newspapers and press were not too pleased.

"Boy, they tore it to shreds. (They called us) degenerate, drug taking, sex-obsessed hippies," he said. "Because (Gomez) was the main guy they went after him and his life continues to be affected to this very day."

Fritz said Gomez's parents kicked him out and the Chilean government banned him from receiving any form of education—public or private—within its borders.

"He went up into the hills and started a hippie commune," he said. "Then, during the (1973 coup d'état) he was arrested and almost died."

Fritz said he was mostly wanted to create the documentary to educate people about the festival.

"I spent a month down (in Chile) in the summer interviewing about 50 people: musicians, organizers (and) some attendees," Fritz said. "It was like meeting your family from the past, 40 years later—super intense. It was almost like destiny."

Fritz said he is not sure when he will make another film.

"It has to be something that really interests me," he said.

Fritz also said when he found out he had beat out Scorsese's film "George Harrison: Living in the Material World" he almost passed out.

"I hope George forgives me," Fritz said.

STORY | NIKE OGUNBODEDE



Instructor Ralph McCausland helps two students fix their technique for performing an arm bar during his Self Defense class in Lantz Monday, Jan. 23, 2012. While most of the class revolves around students learning new defense moves, they also occasionally have guest speakers come in.

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Angela Akoto, a junior family and consumer sciences major, prepares to put her biscuits in the oven in her cooking class on Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012.

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McCausland observes his students as they practice a new technique during his Self Defense class Monday, Jan. 23, 2012 in Lantz. The practical application of the class revolves around the students testing out techniques they are taught.

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JUST FOR FUN

Students take a variety of classes just for credit hours, fun

Can you imagine getting all the way to senior year and finding out that you are just a few credits short of your degree but have completed all the classes that are required for your major?

For some students that is what happens, according to certifying deans Betsy Miller and Amy Lynch.

"These students are usually ones that have majors that have pure electives and that leaves them with a lot of space in the schedule," Miller said. "We suggest these students pick up a minor."

Some students either take classes to fit their career goals or with their life outside of school in order to graduate with the classes they need. But students rarely know from the beginning that they are going to have to take electives, Miller said.

"I knew that I would have to be here for a full four years, but I didn't know that I would technically be done with my major so soon and would just have to take random classes for credit," said Teagan Calahan, a senior geography major.

Transfer students are more likely to have this problem, Lynch said. Some are lacking in the 3,000 to 4,000-level classes since students have to have hours in those levels to graduate.

Jessica Milburn, a senior psychology major, is taking classes like Human Life Span and Swimming, she said.

"I knew from the beginning I would have to do this," she said. "I took AP classes in high school, which counted for college credit here. I was already ahead freshmen year. I finished both my major and my minor but still need 10 credits to graduate."

Both Lynch and Miller suggest that students apply for graduation early and often so they are aware of this situation and can fix it before it becomes a major problem.

"The surprise comes in when they are not taking ownership of their requirements," said Miller.

STORY | BRANDYCE GORDON



Cecila Smith, a freshman family and consumer sciences major, measures out her scoop of shortening to prepare to bake biscuits in her cooking class in Klehm Hall on Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012.
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Ashley Gocken, a sophomore communication studies major, has her resume evaluated by career adviser Debbie Endsley at Career Services Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012. Career Services offers different resume and career development workshops throughout the year to help students succeed.

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SUCCEEDING IN SCHOOL

University provides many opportunities for students to excel

Although it's been said that getting good grades leads to success, there is still a group of students who believes that they can do the bare minimum to get by.

Employers today are looking for employees, who have many skills and are involved in different activities, said Bobbi Kingery, career counselor at Career Services.

"Employers are seeking applicants who are well rounded," she said. "They prefer a combination of strong grades, applied experience — through work, internships or volunteer opportunities — and someone who takes initiative and is interested in helping their organization meet its goals."

Gwendolyn Thomas, a senior sociology major, said she thinks someone doesn't have to be a 4.0 student to get hired by an employer.

"I'll be graduating soon and I don't have a 4.0, but I'm close to it," Thomas said. "I'm not worried about it because I know I will succeed, I believe I'm determined and involved in enough RSO's to find a good employer, and I feel like you have to be more than just an A+ student to get a job."

Many students live by the C's get degrees mentality, which can potentially set them up for disaster.

"C's are passing grades, but they simply mean 'average.' Being hired is competitive, and how many successful people can we think of who got to the top of their fields by being average?" Kingery said.

Kingery added that it varies from major to major, like accounting firms typically seek a higher average GPA than would a public relations firm.

"It is very important to have strong grades for all majors. A strong GPA gives a potential employer many insights to the job seeker," Kingery said.

Margaret Messer, director of honors student affairs, added that students who succeed in school will also succeed in the future.

"Students who strive for good grades in college typically do well in their career fields," Messer said. "Because they are

willing to go beyond minimal expectations."

Jasmine Willis, a senior political science major, is determined and said as she works harder employers will notice.

"I'm a very determined student, and I have gotten some pretty bad grades. I realize I can do better and I work harder each day. I would hate to think an employer would base my employment off of grades because that's not me," Willis said.

Kingery agrees, adding that employers want applicants who are proactive.

"Passive job searching, simply applying on the Internet, is not the most effective way to get noticed; being involved and networking is what will get job applicants from the resume stage to the interview stage," she said. "Finding a job or internship takes real effort, and those who put in the most effort will get the most opportunities."

Eastern has many places on campus where students can go and get extra help when needed.

Students can visit the Student Success Center and TRiO, both located in Ninth Street Hall. TRiO is a program that was designed to increase retention and graduation rates, while the Student Success Center offers programs to students to help them succeed in their personal and academic goals.

Career Services, located in the Human Services building, offers opportunities for students to network.

"Faculty and staff are also excellent resources to learn more about industries and to gain networking contacts for students," Kingery said. "The earlier a student becomes aware of career planning, and the more resources the student uses to improve their knowledge and networking, the easier a transition the student will have from college student to employed graduate."

The Writing Center, located in Coleman Hall and The Reading Center, located in Buzzard Hall both provide services to students in need.

STORY | MEGAN JOHNSON

WORLD-CLASS PERFORMANCE

Fine Arts Center provides a variety of shows for community

Newcomers to Eastern see the Doudna Fine Arts Center. They stop and stare. Viewers are taken aback by the large, glossy, angular structure among the rest of the buildings on Eastern's campus.

Once inside, the bright red walls, modern design and walls of mirrors are shocking. But behind the modern appearance the facility is gaining a reputation for all the things it has to offer.

Dan Crews, the director of patron services for Doudna, has worked at Eastern for 20 years and knows about all the things Doudna has to offer.

"Since we've opened, we've booked a number of artists," Crews said. "The world of entertainment, it's a small community, and people talk back and forth, especially musicians in the classical field. We've had an overwhelming response from musicians who have played in our concert hall".

Bonnie Irwin, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, said the situation that led to the renovations could be described as "a critical mass."

"The new Doudna was always seen as a cultural and artistic hub for the community," Irwin said. "We wanted to be able to bring more people to campus to see our student performances, and also to bring in traveling shows, so that was always part of the intent in renovating the building."

Doudna serves as a performance space for many visiting artists, most of which come from the classical field.

"We're growing, we're getting out there, because for over 30 years, we didn't have a reputation of bringing world-class performers here," Crews said. "We're not doing it just for us, but for the over 10,000 students. We want give them the ability to see great quality art programs that they might not be able to see."

Dwight Vaught, Doudna director, chooses the different groups and performers that students can attend.

"We have great spaces, and what can happen when you put up and coming performers into great spaces, then their art and their performance is mag-



Suzanne Kenney, artistic and executive director of Pendulum Aerial Arts, and Luis Torres, a company member, perform above the stage on silk ropes during their High Art production in the Doudna Fine Arts Center's Theater Friday, Aug. 26, 2011. High Art was one of many Doudna productions this year.

PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI

nified, increased and strengthened," Vaught said. "When we go to look for artists, there are some we'll bring in, because we think that our people need to rub shoulders, to open their eyes. For the most part, we try to get artists who can work with students, and see that as part of their mission and outreach, to give something back."

Vaught said since it is often difficult to find an artist to bring to the Doudna he looks for certain qualities in a performer to bring to campus.

"We are a fine arts center, we are not a performing arts center," Vaught said. "Because we are a fine arts center, we want to make sure that the fine arts element is the focus of everything."

Vaught said the different facilities offered at Doudna play heavily in determining which artists visit Eastern.

"Sometimes we believe that smaller is better,"

Vaught said. "By creating a more intimate environment, the experience is deeper and richer."

Many times, artists are chosen by background in fine arts to see if they fit to the tone of the Doudna.

"Even if they choose to be jazz artists, or something else, they still have that basis on which to build the strength of their own performance, or to relate to students who are studying traditional jazz or classical music," Vaught said.

For more than 30 years, the Doudna Fine Arts Center has been helping Eastern students advance their skills in art, music and theatre.

But with the new renovations, the Doudna has advanced beyond a cultural hub for students, and into a world-class performing center.

STORY | SHEA LAZANSKY



Jimmy Carter, lead vocalist of Grammy-winning gospel singing group The Blind Boys of Alabama, interacts with the crowd Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011, during a performance in the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Carter is the only remaining member of the group originally formed over 70 years ago. Joining Blind Boys in concert were sibling bluegrass artists Sara and Sean Watkins of the Nickel Creek trio.
PHOTO | KIMBERLY FOSTER



Meiby Huddleston, a junior communication studies major, reads the Communication Day program.
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Outside the classroom

Communication Day provides learning experience for students

Communication Day is an annual event the communication studies department hosts each spring to help students understand how to apply communication theories and lessons outside of the classroom.

Communication Day has four hour-long sessions where students and staff present projects and internships they did in and outside of the classroom. The theme this year was, "Student Research: Put Your Learning to Work."

According to Linda Scholz, associate professor of communication studies, students presented original documentaries

and public relations campaigns on topics ranging from social media sites and pop culture to advice on internships and future job options.

Mike Bradd, an associate professor in the communication studies department, along with professionals from television and radio stations, met with students during a session to critique and give students feedback on their radio and television audition tapes.

For the fourth year, the communication studies department hosted a broadcast industry fair along with Communication Day.

According to Bradd, the fair gave students a chance to get their "feet wet and interact with professionals." The fair was more for students and allowed them to network with more than 40 stations in a short time.

The majority of the students who attended Communication Day were communication studies majors and students who attend Lake Land College and are considering a degree in communication studies. Some communication studies classes attended sessions instead of sitting in the classroom, and teachers con-

nected the classroom lesson to topics presented.

Kathleen Durkin-Russell, founder of KMD Consulting Services, was the guest speaker and talked with students about her work with the not-for-profit and organization management. Durkin-Russell has worked for numerous not-for-profit organizations during her career.

"She is a communication practitioner and applies everything they teach in her work environment," Scholz said.

STORY | KATIE OVERBY



Above | Nametags lie on the information table during the 2011 Communication Day on Wednesday, March 30, 2011, on the third floor of the MLK Jr. Union.

Left | Information table workers Jacqui Reinhart, a sophomore communication studies major, and Kelsey Hayes, a junior communication studies major, clarify a question during the final hours of Communication Day.

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Q & A WITH...

Lois Dickenson: Molding the library a book at a time



Lois Dickenson, a library operations associate in the reference department, mends and repairs damaged books Tuesday, May 5, 2011 in the Booth library.

PHOTO | JASMINE RANDLE

Q: How long have you worked at the Booth Library?

A: I've worked here since 1979.

Q: What else do you do at the library besides mend books?

A: I work on maintaining and adding government documents to collections. I also work at the reference desk, and my skills really apply to more than one area.

Q: Why do books need to be repaired in the library? Why can't some of them just be left alone?

A: In academic libraries, collections need to be maintained that are wide in the depths of subjects that need to be recovered. These subjects need to be maintained for two reasons: circulation and overall maintenance purposes.

Q: How do you determine whether or not a book needs to be repaired?

A: Just because a book looks old does not mean it needs to be repaired. What really determines this decision is the principle of

the purpose that the book is serving. If the book is serving an immediate and important purpose, it needs to be repaired. I am not given a list of books that need to be repaired, I decide that myself.

Q: How much life is added to a book when it is repaired?

A: This really varies. It mainly depends on the condition of the paper. Sometimes the paper lasts for another 70 or 80 years after it is repaired.

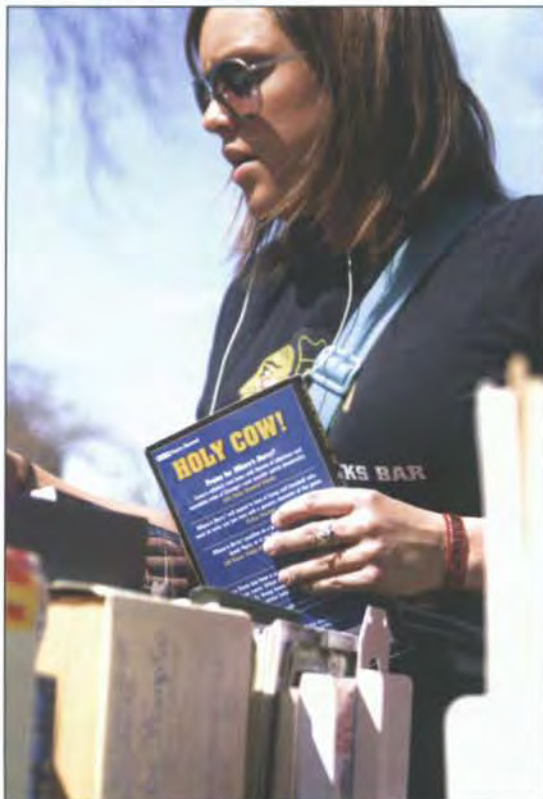
Q: What is the impact that repairing books has on library faculty and students?

A: Mending is a critical function of maintaining the library's overall appearance and functioning. Library funds are typically limited, so employees need to make sure that everything is preserved and in the proper arrangement.

Q: How long does the process of repairing books usually take?

A: The length of most of the projects varies on the condition of the book needing to be repaired.

STORY | MELODY DOZARD



Above | Ashley Allen, a senior early childhood education major, browses the stacks during the Booth Library Celebration book sale Wednesday, April 13, 2011, on the Library Quad.

PHOTO | JASMINE RANDLE

Right | Michael Gillespie, a professor of sociology, leans against a bookshelf and looks at his cell phone by the entrance of the Booth Library about a half an hour after the campus lost power Wednesday, March 23, 2011. The north side of campus received power after three hours, but the south end had to wait another hour before power was completely restored.

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RATEMYPROFESSOR.COM

Students use it, faculty question validity

RateMyProfessor.com, a popular website where students can post reviews of their favorite and least favorite professors, is a trend among college students.

Perhaps the most beneficial aspect of using the website is not posting these reviews of professors, but reading the reviews to judge the nature of a class one is about to take.

Stacy Gilbert, a pre-nursing major, says she uses RateMyProfessor.com when choosing classes.

"I think that RateMyProfessor is necessary to encourage students to either take the class they need to or opt out of it," Gilbert said.

The website is used more frequently as students try to shape accurate depictions of how their instructors might grade, act and conduct class.

On the website, Florentia Laribee, instructor of mathematics, has 88 reviews, which is the most out of all Eastern faculty. Some professors do not have any reviews or ratings.

Brian Mateas, a junior accounting major, said he usually uses the website when he is planning the workload for his classes.

"The more reviews there are to look up, the more likely I am to believe the rating," he said.

Stephanie Smith, a graduate dietetics major, on the other hand, barely uses the website.

"RateMyProfessor.com is used by a bunch of students who complain," she said. "What's

the value of a degree if you're going to complain about school? Graduate students will get on there to receive insight about fostering their career; undergrads want that easy A."

Students aren't the only ones who have opinions about the review site. Professors have been peeking in on RateMyProfessor.com to see what students are saying.

Keith Wilson, a professor of psychology, said he does not use the website personally, nor does he check in to see what his students are saying.

"The information is of questionable utility and validity," Wilson said. "For example, we don't know enough about what type of students in what sort of circumstances complete the survey. There is a huge potential for sample bias to say the least."

Jeffrey Stowell, a professor of psychology, said he has checked to see what his students have said about him.

"It is not used by our department, or any others I know at Eastern, to evaluate faculty performance," Stowell said. "Only student evaluations conducted in the classroom, or the online version, are used in evaluation of faculty performance. The limitation of RateMyProfessor.com is that it only has ratings from a limited number of students and is probably not monitored for fairness."

STORY | MELODY DOZARD

	NAME	DEPARTMENT	TOTAL RATINGS	OVERALL QUALITY	EASINESS	HOT?	SHARE
   <small>RATE</small>	Shaw, Katherine	Family & Consumer Science	17	5.0	4.0		  
   <small>RATE</small>	Baumann, Kevin	Geography	13	5.0	4.5		  
   <small>RATE</small>	Houser, Barry	Music	11	5.0	3.9		  
   <small>RATE</small>	Hensley, Brandon	Communication	9	5.0	4.7		  
   <small>RATE</small>	Laube, Pat	Industrial Technology	9	5.0	4.8		  
   <small>RATE</small>	Bernas, Ronan	Psychology	8	5.0	3.0		  
   <small>RATE</small>	Lisowski, Marilyn	Education	7	5.0	2.6		  
   <small>RATE</small>	Binns, Donna	English	6	5.0	4.7		  
   <small>RATE</small>	Lucas, Steven	Education	6	5.0	4.2		  
   <small>RATE</small>	Mulvaney, Michael	Recreation	6	5.0	4.8		  

This is an example of the top rated professors at Eastern, according to students on Ratemyprofessor.com. Students can rate professors on easiness, helpfulness, clarity, interest and hotness.

The good, the bad and the ugly

Examples of what students are saying about professors on Ratemyprofessor.com

- I've had Katie for many classes, and I just love her! Since she is a newer teacher she understands what college was/is like and it's awesome! I purposely take classes that she is teaching even if they are classes I wouldn't usually take. Not to mention very fashionable and cute to look at!

- Awesome teacher! He is funny, energetic, and easy. Just show up (and you will actually want to) and turn in the assignments and you are sure to get an A. Don't take any other senior seminar but this one!!!!

- She's an awful teacher. Very demanding and rude. Not approachable whatsoever. Makes comments when the class is not asking questions, but when they do she gets upset at the person, gives them a sarcastic remark and embarrasses them in front of the class. I highly recommend you not taking her classes.

- Not very professional or helpful. Wants to be friends with her students, but doesn't teach them, friends are great, but not if you're not learning anything. Needs to work on being more organized and prepared to teach!

GRADUATE SCHOOL

More than 1,700 part-time, full-time students enroll each year

Most undergraduate students feel relieved after achieving their bachelor's degree, but there is another path some students decide to take. That path is graduate school.

Since 1951, Eastern has provided students with graduate degree programs. More than 1,700 part-time and full-time graduate students are enrolled with 300 faculty members, according to the Eastern website.

Lori Henderson, a publicity specialist for Eastern's graduate school, said a 2.75 gpa and a bachelor's degree are a requirement for every program.

In 2006, the EIU's council on graduate studies adopted a graduate program called, "First Choice." This means current undergraduate students receive the first choice among which students will be qualified to

attend. Programs that have achieved First Choice status are history, English, communication disorders and sciences, psychology, biological sciences and others. Scholarships and assistantships are offered in every graduate program to help support students.

Then they too have to find a job after graduate school.

"Looking for a job after graduate school is very overwhelming for students," said Beth Gillespie, an internship and externship coordinator.

Career Services on Eastern's campus are not only for undergraduate students but graduate students as well.

Career Services offers the same opportunity for every student whether it is choosing a career path, giving interviewing and networking tips, to helping students find a career after they graduate.

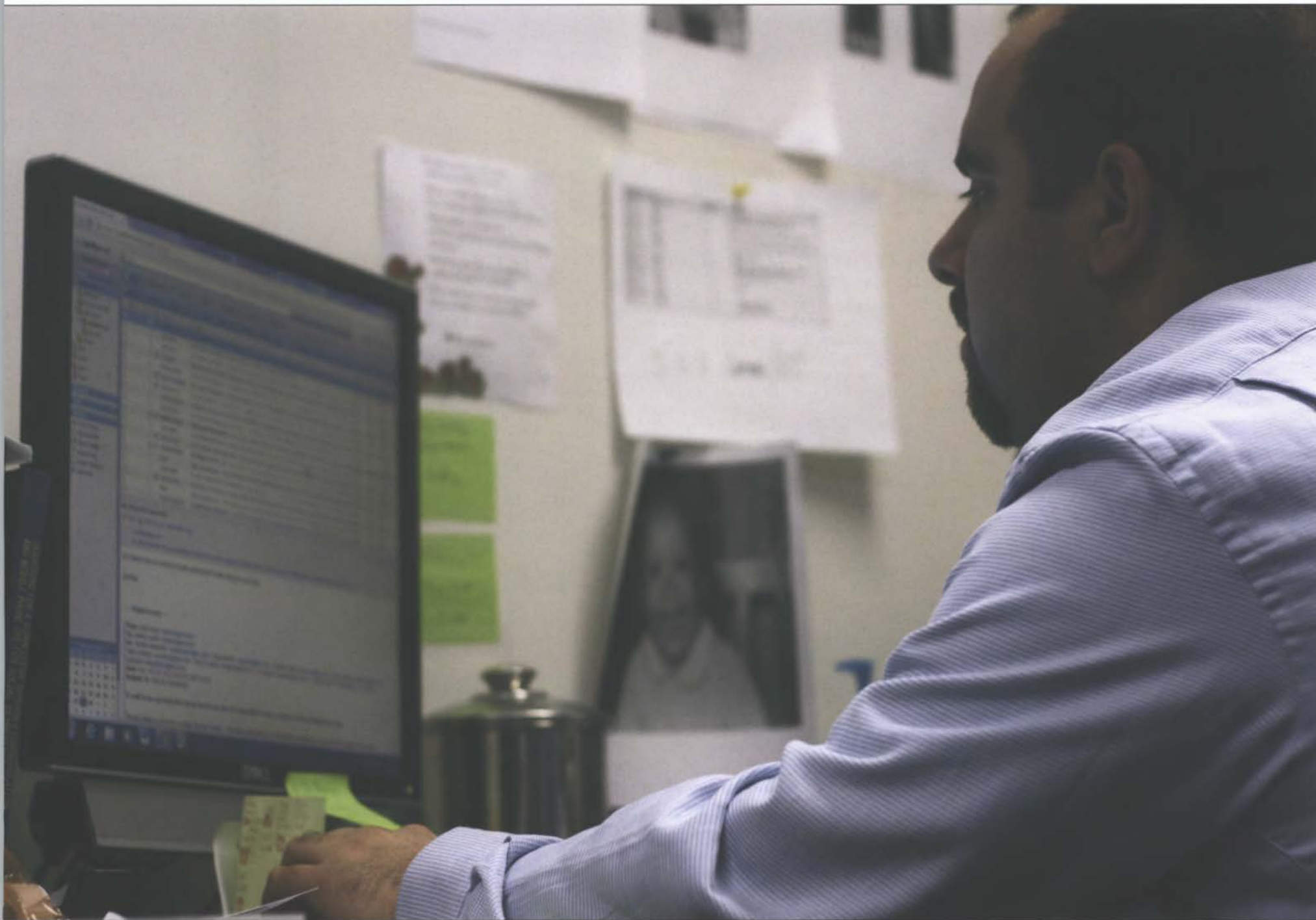
Career services helps students prepare for a future job by showing them places to look, finding internships and background information on their career choices.

There are workshops that help students build towards their future careers and let students get a feel of what it is going to be like working in their specific field.

Many people return to school after working for a few years in order to advance in their current career, and many others are returning to change their career, as their interests and skills have evolved.

In the end, graduate school helps students progress further in their careers and build a better foundation of their specific career fields.

STORY | ISLY FERGUSON



Graduate assistant Moe Samed works as assistant residence director of Carman Hall in his office on Tuesday, February 28, 2012.
PHOTO | OLIVIA ANGELOFF

TRAVELING ABROAD

Students share stories from international experience

Students spending time away from home, in a foreign country with people they don't know, may seem like MTV's "The Real World," but with college credit.

Unlike "The Real World," students who study abroad get to pick their destination.

Study Abroad Director Wendy Williamson said around 350 Eastern students travel abroad every year, and the majority of the students study abroad in the summer.

"Some of the more popular programs go in summer and most are faculty-led," Williamson said.

Faculty-led programs are organized by the faculty members. These programs take a group of students who can travel or be settled at one site. Williamson said students who go abroad in fall and spring go alone and usually study at a university in that country.

Kristin Robertson, a junior early childhood education major, spent the spring 2011 semester abroad in Australia.

She was a student at the University of Newcastle and took general education classes.

"The education system is a lot different," Robertson said. "There aren't many small assignments, usually just a paper, midterm and exam."

Besides attending classes during the week, Robertson traveled on the weekends.

"I went to Sydney a lot, because it was so close, toured the Opera House and climbed the bridge, and I went to the Great Barrier Reef," Robertson said.

For shopping Robertson went to a China Mart.

"It was like Chinatown, and I bought a lot of my stuff from there," Robertson said.

She also bought an Australian flag, but she said her favorite things are the photos she took.

Study abroad offers different programs, and, according to Williamson, it is a great way to figure out who you are.

Kelsey Kruse, a senior elementary education major, spent one week abroad in Italy at Florence University of the Arts.

"I was able to get my student teaching diversity credit while I was there," Kruse said.

Her trip was during spring break 2011 and she was able to tour Italian schools.

"We toured a kindergarten, an elementary school and a technical high school, and learned how their school system differs from the United States," Kruse said.

Kruse also spent the week exploring a foreign city.

"We went out to eat every night and explore the night life," said Kruse. "We went shopping a lot. You can bargain at the markets and that was fun."

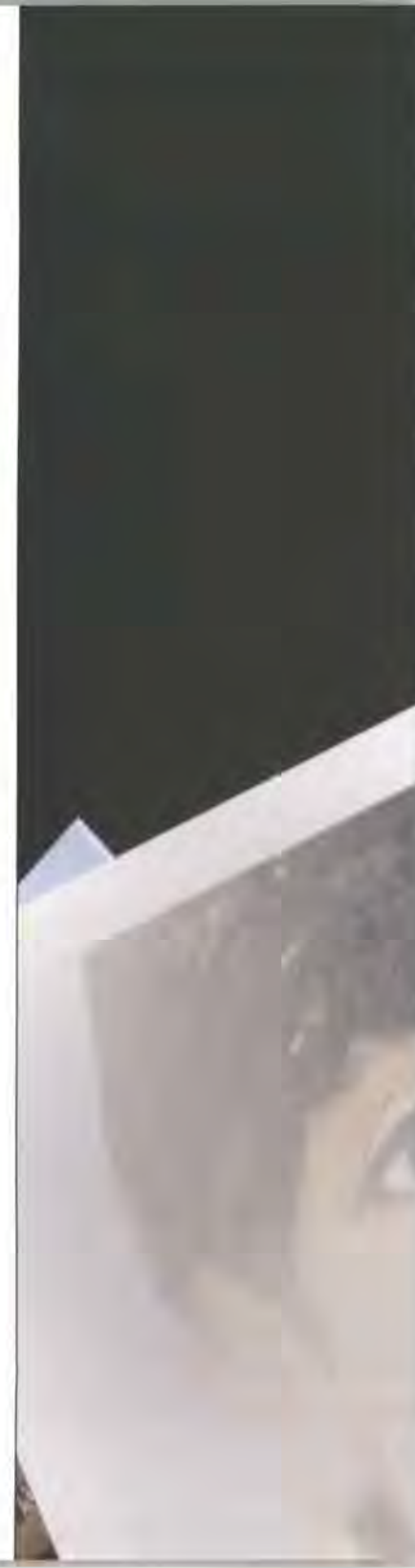
One of the things Kruse bought has become a daily reminder of her trip.

"I bought a little water color painting of a bridge and I framed it and it's hanging in my room," Kruse said. "It reminds me of how badly I want to go back."

Kruse also came home with a mug to add to her mug collection, an FUA sweatshirt and leather goods.

"Florence is the leather capital of the world, so a lot of people came back with leather stuff," Kruse said.

STORY | BETH STEELE



Shelby Koehne, a junior English major,
holds postcards from her trip to Harlaxton
College in Grantham, England.
PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI





Cara Hahne, a sophomore wing, recovers from a fall during Eastern's women's rugby game against Minnesota Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011, on Lakeside Field. Hane scored in the final seconds of the first half.

PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI

athletics.

Eastern athletics is a fundamental aspect of the student experience. We may not have a stadium that seats 100,000 people, but every coach, athlete and fan has the passion to fill the stands.

Students' definitions of their athletic experience are distinct descriptions of each student's character. From winning the OVC title to cheering your team on in Nashville, players and fans show their commitment to the athletic department. As a legacy in Panther athletics leaves the field, a new era begins.

No player is independent of his team, and in that same respect no team is independent of its fans. And at Eastern, regardless of each individual's definition of how he interacts within the area of athletics, we are all members of the team. Within sports each player has his role. Similarly within our interaction with sports our definition is in fact undefined.



Coach Bob Spoo interviews with the press after his final home game of the season Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011, at O'Brien Field.

PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI



Coach Bob Spoo holds his wife Susan and daughter Kate after he addressed the crowd at his final home game of the season.

PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI



Bob Spoo, football coach, shows the Mid-America Classic Trophy to the crowd after Eastern's victory over Illinois State University Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011, at O'Brien Field.

PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI

LEGACY

Coach Spoo leaves Eastern football after 25 years

Though the final two seasons of head coach Bob Spoo's illustrious 25-year career may have been less than favorable, he will still be forever remembered as one of the best to ever stand on the Eastern sidelines.

After serving as the quarterbacks coach at his alma mater, Purdue, where he would help quarterbacks Mark Hermann, Scott Campbell and Jim Everett all eventually land careers in the NFL, Spoo came to Eastern.

Since his first season in 1987, Spoo stayed at Eastern for 25 seasons, making him the fourth longest tenure at a Division-I school, joining the likes of former Penn State football coach Joe Paterno, Albany's Bob Ford and Villanova's Andy Talley.

Over 25 seasons, Spoo racked up a record of 144-131-1, making him the most winning coach in Eastern history.

In his last 15 seasons, he led the Panthers to 11 winning seasons.

While at Eastern, Spoo has sent 21 players to the NFL, some include offensive linemen Chris Campbell and Otis Hudson, who play for the Green Bay Packers and Cincinnati Bengals,

and most notably, Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo.

Spoo has been named Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year three times, and Gateway Conference Coach of the Year once. Spoo also led the team to the playoffs 10 times, while finishing in the top 25 in the NCAA poll.

"Twenty-five years ago, I came to this great university and I want to thank the students, faculty and staff for your support all these years," Spoo said in his post-game address following his final game at O'Brien Field.

Also in his address, Spoo said he hoped to have his players leave as better people than when they entered.

"I think our goal was, once you entered here, you left a better person. I hope that's the case. If so, we succeeded," he said.

Spoo concluded his address with a paraphrasing of General Douglas MacArthur's speech to the joint houses of Congress.

"Old coaches never die, they just fade away," he said.

STORY | DOMINIC RENZETTI



Bob Spoo walks onto the field with the football team during his final Family Weekend football game Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, at O'Brien Field. Spoo has coached at Eastern for 25 years.
PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI



Dino Babers talks about his strategies to improve Eastern's football program Friday, Dec. 9, 2011, during a press conference in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.
PHOTO | KIMBERLY FOSTER

NEW ERA

Babers steps into Spoo's shoes as Eastern's head football coach

For the first time in 25 years, Eastern's football team will have a new leader, with Dino Babers being introduced as the team's head coach.

Babers, who will follow in the footsteps of the retired Bob Spoo, comes to Eastern after being an assistant coach at Baylor University.

"I am humbled to be your new head football coach," Babers said. "I love where I am at, and I can't wait to get where we are going.

"I can't wait to see the smiles on the faces of the players, the community and this great academic institution on the things we are going to do on and off the field. We are going to set this community on fire."

After a long search, Babers was the coach selected after the athletic department brought the search down to four candidates. Babers, the final candidate interviewed, was well received by athletic director Barbara Burke.

"When I spoke to people around the nation, two things kept coming up about Dino Babers," Burke said at the introductory press conference. "One, he is a man of outstanding character. Two, he has a great offensive football mind. Lastly, one person I respect called me and said I would be crazy not to hire Dino."

Babers said he planned to use the same formula for success that was used at Baylor. Babers said he wants to create not only great players, but great people.

"We want to attack them not only on the field from a strength and development standpoint, but also socially, morally and spiritually," he said. "All of those things are involved to making sure we get the best person we can on the football field."

He also said he will make sure Eastern football is the thing to do on the weekends, bringing an explosive and exciting style of play to Charleston.

"After that, we are going to get into the community and get them behind us," Babers said. "We are going to play an exciting brand of football. It is something people are going to want to come out and see and it's going to be the thing to do on Saturdays. If you're not watching us, then you're not in the place where all the action is."

Babers will make his Eastern coaching debut on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012, against Southern Illinois-Carbondale in the team's season opener.

STORY | DOMINIC RENZETTI



New head football coach Dino Babers speaks with his predecessor, Bob Spoo, Friday, Dec. 9, 2011. Babers comes to Eastern from his position as an assistant coach at Baylor University. Spoo retired after a 25-year career as Eastern's head coach.

PHOTO | KIMBERLY FOSTER



Eastern athletic director Barbara Burke and new head football coach Dino Babers listen as President Bill Perry speaks during a press conference introducing Babers to the public.

PHOTO | KIMBERLY FOSTER

MILLER RELEASED

Burke not extending Miller's contract after losing season

After six losing seasons, 17 players quitting his teams, 11 wins per season, a second-to-last conference finish this season, and an expired contract, Mike Miller was let go.

Two days after his team's season ended without a spot in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament, Eastern athletic director Barbara Burke announced the school would not retain Miller, whose contract was expiring.

The Eastern men's basketball team had a 75-130 record in Miller's seven years with Eastern and only had one winning season, when it was 19-12 in the 2009-2010 season.

Miller's teams only got worse after that season, winning nine and 12 games in the next two seasons.

L.C. Doss said he's disappointed with how his senior season ended.

"It's not the way we wanted to go out, missing the tournament and having our coach get fired," Doss said.

Senior Nick McFarlin said the team was hearing rumors all season about Miller getting fired; howev-

er, he said the team still couldn't get the wins it needed to possibly save the coach's job.

"A man lost his job," McFarlin said. "It's not a laughing matter."

Some fans pushed for Miller to be fired this season on social networking sites; in fact, a trio of alums established a #FIREMIKEMILLER Twitter hashtag a number of years ago.

The three men who created the hashtag wrote a letter to Burke, Eastern President Bill Perry, and the Board of Trustees the Thursday before Miller was let go. The three graduates were student publication workers.

Collin Whitchurch, a 2010 Eastern graduate, said the reason he and two others wrote the letter and established the Twitter hashtag was to let Burke know there was a group of unhappy alums.

"If we're unhappy, it's likely that others are unhappy," Whitchurch said. "Disappointed fans equal a decrease in revenue. Everyone knows that."

Burke responded to the group's let-

ter the day after they sent it. Whitchurch said Burke's response made it clear she was going to make a change regardless of whether or not the three alums sent the letter or not.

In her response, Burke she said she was giving Miller's position a lot of thought and consideration, given that his contract was expiring.

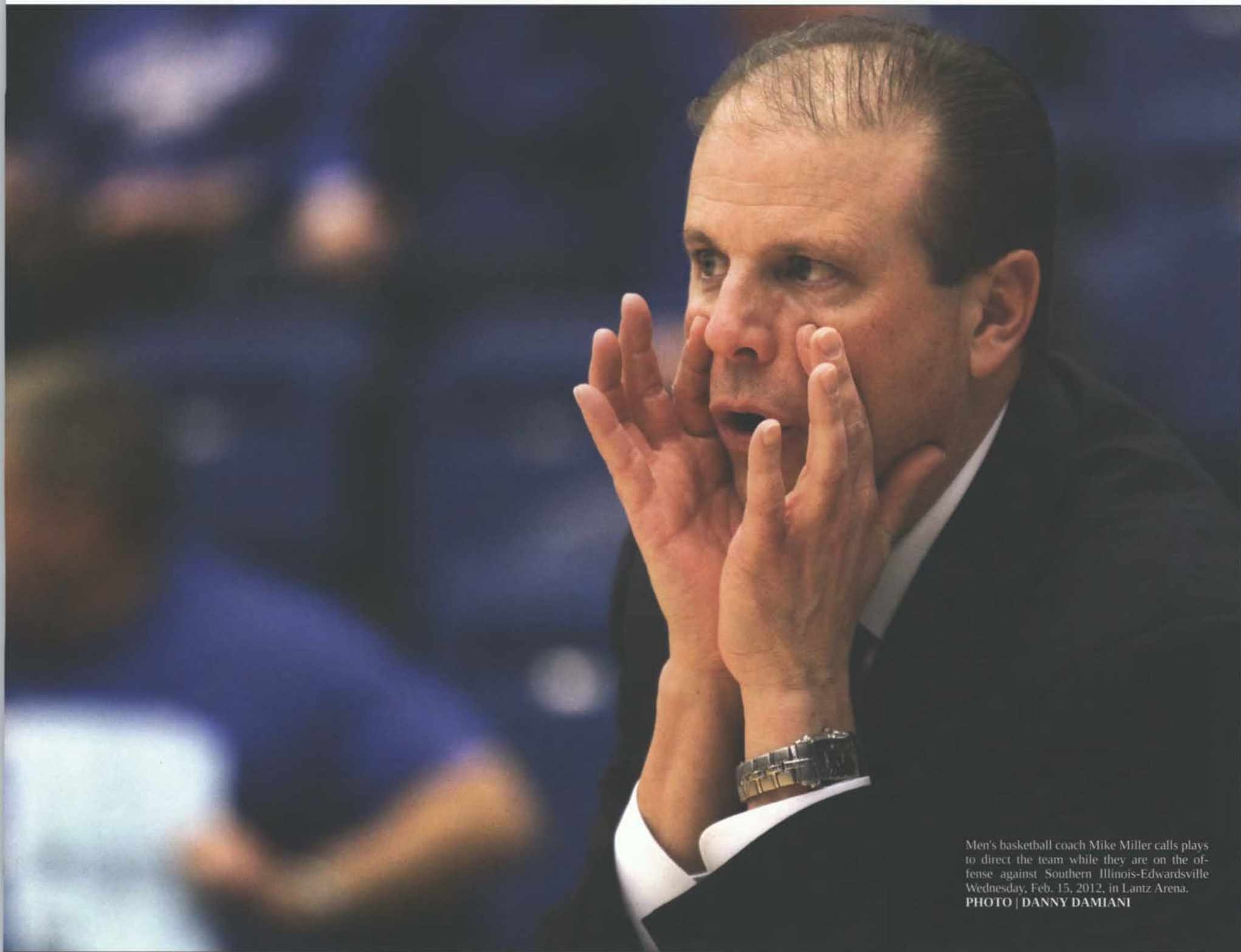
Eric Hiltner, a 2010 graduate, said he thinks his group's effort on Twitter and with the letter influenced Burke's decision.

"I have to think that if it didn't gain such ground, the athletic department might not have realized just how upset so many of the fans of the program have become," Hiltner said.

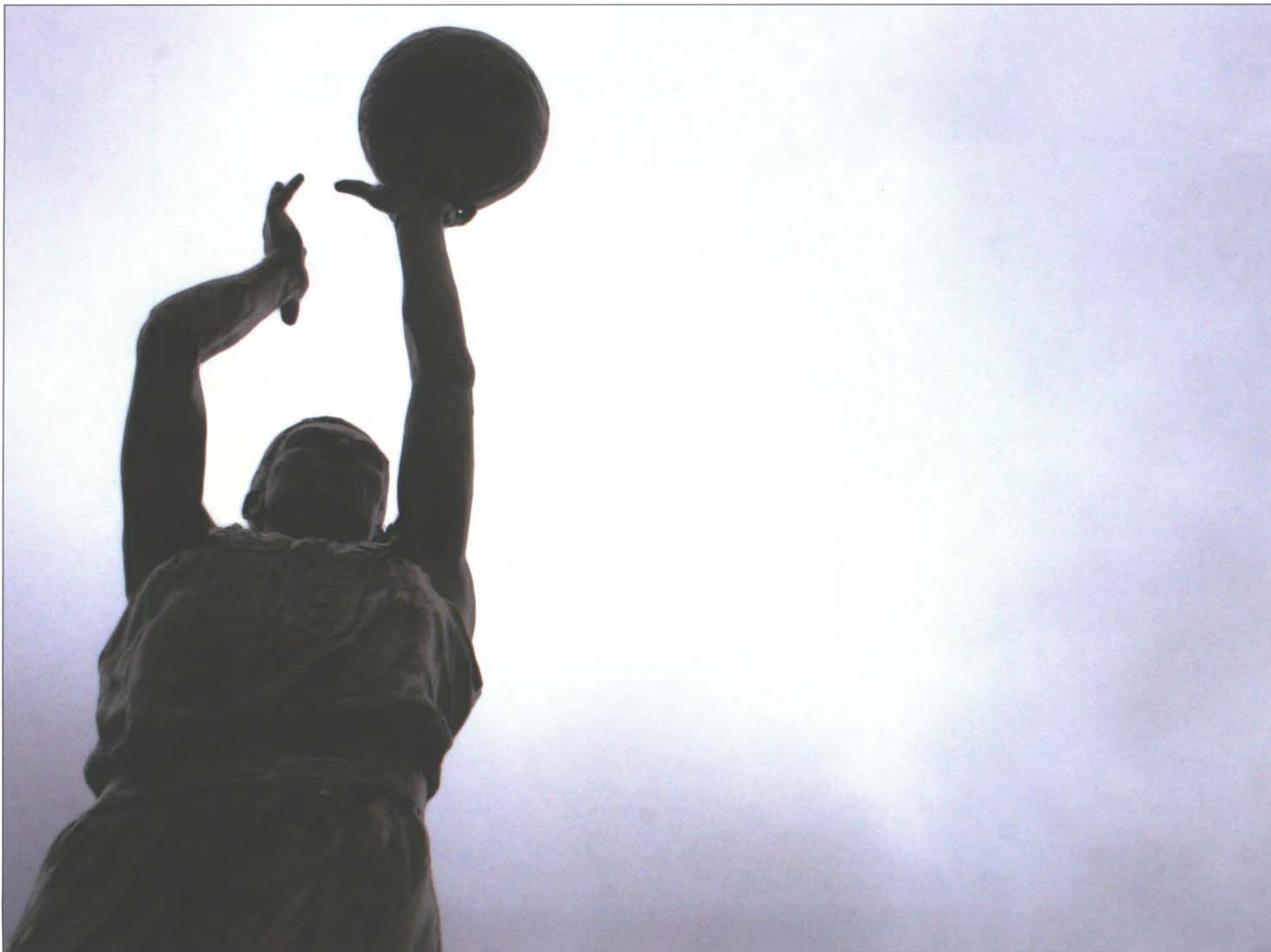
Doss said he feels like the team let the coaches down.

"I know they put a lot of time into the scouting reports and to the practice plans and things like that," Doss said. "Like I said, just wish it could have ended better."

STORY | ALEX MCNAMEE



Men's basketball coach Mike Miller calls plays to direct the team while they are on the offense against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012, in Lantz Arena.
PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI



The statue of Nancy Kassebaum that stands outside of the Student Recreation Center was finished on January 7, 1995. Kassebaum (now Metcalf) was a three-time Academic All-American while being a two-sport athlete. Danny Haskew created the statue.

PHOTO | ZACHARY WHITE

CHALLENGED TO EXCELLENCE

Statue outside Rec inspired by female athlete, represents success

"Challenged to Excellence," this is the title of the statue of Nancy Kassebaum that stands outside of the Student Recreation Center.

Kassebaum (now Metcalf) was just that. She was a three-time Academic All-American, while being a two-sport athlete in the early '80s.

With everything she had on her plate, she was able to be one of the greatest athletes in Eastern's history.

She was the leading scorer in Eastern's women's basketball history for 26 years with 1,807 points until Rachel Galligan broke her record in 2009 with 1,891 points.

Galligan isn't worried about the possibility of losing the record either.

"That record held for a long time, and I think if it continues to get broken, it shows that we're growing as a program, we're getting better, we're getting better players," said

Galligan, currently an assistant coach for the women's team.

Even after losing her scoring title, Kassebaum still leads in all time steals with 495 and assists with 711.

She started on the basketball team for three years while they went on to win three straight AIAA Division II state championships.

Along with her efforts on the basketball court, she was also the 1982 state MVP in softball and made the first team Academic All-American while on the softball team during its 1983 season.

"Kassebaum was one of those people that either made others better or they stepped off the court," said former head coach Barb Hille. "She was absolutely a tremendous athlete on the court and quiet off it as far as any swaggo goes."

Kassebaum's jersey was retired on Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005, during halftime of the men's basketball game.

"When I first came (to Eastern) I thought that it was great that the focal point of a school's athletic facility is a female basketball player," said Galligan. "That really touched my heart."

Four years after her graduation from Eastern, Kassebaum was a silver medalist during the 1987 United States Olympic Sports Festival with the softball team and the team handball squad.

The statue of Kassebaum was donated by Glenn and Joan Williams in 1995 as "A Tribute to the Women of Eastern, Past, Present and Future."

The statue was created by Denny Haskew.

STORY | ZACHARY WHITE



Danny Haskew's signature sits at the base of the Kassebaum statue. The statue was finished on Saturday, Jan. 7, 1995.

PHOTO | ZACHARY WHITE



The statue of Nancy Kassebaum stands outside of the Student Recreation Center.

PHOTO | ZACHARY WHITE



BASEBALL

STRIDING into MAJORS

Borenstein drafted by MLB's Angels

Former Panther baseball player Zach Borenstein is sticking around the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim organization for a few more years, his managers told him after the 2011 season.

Borenstein was drafted on Tuesday, June 7, 2011, in the Major League Baseball draft by the Angels, in the 23rd round, although he had been told numerous times he would be drafted anywhere between the seventh and 10th rounds.

"Draft day, was in a sense, one of the best days of my life and one of the worst," Borenstein said.

As he followed the draft live online, Borenstein became restless watching the 10th round pass, then the 15th, 20th, and so on. As pick No. 705 came around, Borenstein got a call from a scout in the Angels organization, saying they wanted to sign him.

"Being drafted in the 23rd round was a huge let down," Borenstein said. "I felt sort of screwed over."

Ten days later, Borenstein signed a contract with the Angels organization to play in the Arizona Rookie League for the AZL Angels.

Borenstein, who played mostly left field and third base for the AZL Angels, didn't get into a "groove" until the end of the season; however, he ended the season with a .274 batting average, two home runs, 21 RBIs and 12 stolen bases.

The Buffalo Grove native rode the bench for most of the season be-

cause the manager had to play two high school kids, making millions because they were drafted in the first round.

"They sucked really bad, actually," Borenstein said.

Borenstein said the manager had "orders from above" to play the high school kids making the most money, so there wasn't a lot he could do.

However, ending the season the way he did led to positive feedback from people within the Angels' organization. They told Borenstein he "wasn't going anywhere for a few years."

"They are planning on me doing big things in the organization," Borenstein said. "That was kind of reassuring that I have a few years to play ball and show them what I can do."

Borenstein quickly adjusted to the day-to-day business of professional baseball. He said it wasn't much different than playing at Eastern, besides the fact that he didn't have to worry about anything besides baseball.

"You just show up at the field every day, take care of your work and just play baseball," Borenstein said. "No school, no nothing."

Unlike college baseball, Borenstein said playing professionally gives you time to sleep and work out.

"Being an athlete in college is pretty damn tough," Borenstein said. "Going (to Arizona) to play, all you have to worry about is baseball."



Above | Zach Borenstein runs the bases during the game against St. Louis on Tuesday, March 29, 2011, at Coaches Stadium. Eastern lost 2-7.

Right | Borenstein is congratulated by his teammates at home plate after hitting a home run in the first inning against Illinois State University on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at Coaches Stadium.

PHOTOS | AUDREY SAWYER

Borenstein said he hopes to continue playing well, and hopes he starts to move up to higher levels of the minor leagues within the next five years.

"That's not something any player can control," Borenstein said. "Because there are a lot of factors that go into how quickly you can move up the organization, if at all."

Borenstein said a player can move up just because someone at a

higher level is injured, or a player will stay put because they are behind someone who is playing really well.

Either way, Borenstein said all he can do is just play ball and "show them what I can do."

No matter the level he's playing at, Borenstein, who was drafted as a junior in college, said he's glad he made the decision to go pro.

STORY | ALEX MCNAMEE

MEN'S BASKETBALL

More than disappointed

Panthers fall behind again, 10th losing season since 2001



Sophomore forward Alfonzo McKinnie prepares to dunk the ball during the second half of play against Tennessee Martin Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012, in Lantz Arena.

PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI

The Eastern men's basketball team's season ended in more than disappointment.

With a 12-17 overall record and a 5-11 record in the Ohio Valley Conference, the Panthers missed the conference tournament for the second consecutive season, finishing ninth out of the 10 eligible teams.

The losing season also cost head coach Mike Miller his job. Athletic Director Barbara Burke announced that the school would not renew Miller's contract for the 2012-2013 season.

"(Mike Miller) is a quality individual who has worked extremely hard and dedicated many hours to our student-athletes and the Panther basketball program," Burke said in a press release.

The Panthers are also losing their best player. Senior guard Jeremy Granger will end his career as the 16th best scorer in the history of Eastern. This season he averaged a career-high 15.9 points per game, while leading the team in steals, assists and more importantly vocally as the team captain.

The Panthers will be left with a few promising pieces in sophomore forward Alfonzo McKinnie and Mike Miller's freshman son guard Joey Miller.

McKinnie gave the Panthers an active presence in the low post

with his athleticism and rebounding. The second year player averaged 10.2 points, a team-high seven rebounds and nearly one block per game.

Despite his departure, Mike Miller said McKinnie has tremendous potential.

"(McKinnie) made a pretty big jump (this year)," Miller said. "Certainly I think Al has a good chance to be a really good player in this league."

Joey Miller, a graduate of Charleston High School, surprised a lot of people with his ability to score the ball at a Division I level. The freshman averaged 10 points per game and shot 82 percent from the free-throw line. He also won OVC freshman of the week three times.

With Belmont coming into the OVC next season, the conference will be split into two divisions. Eastern will be in the West Division with Austin Peay, Murray State, Southeast Missouri State, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville and Tennessee at Martin.

The Panthers will do everything in their power to bring in a successful coach and turn the tide in 2012-2013 after two disappointing seasons in a row.

STORY | ROB MORTELL





Senior guard Jeremy Granger is the final player to be introduced of the Eastern men's basketball team's starting lineup Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012, in Lantz Arena. Eastern faced Tennessee-Martin defeating them 68-55.

PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI





Junior guard Ta'Kenya Nixon is the final player to be introduced to the crowd before Eastern's women's basketball game against Eastern Kentucky Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012. The team was going into its 13-game winning streak.

PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

RIDING OUT THE STORM

Women's season ends in bizarre fashion

A tornado warning stopped the Eastern women's basketball team's conference tournament semifinal game for 22 minutes in the second half.

But stellar play from Tennessee Tech guards Tacarra Hayes and Jala Harris ended the Panthers' chance at a conference title permanently this season.

The Panthers were knocked out in their first game in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament for the second year in a row, but this season's end was as unique as it gets for them and the team that beat them.

"In basketball, things happen," Harris said. "Like runs happen, we had a tornado."

The Panthers trailed 61-56 with a little more than six minutes left in the game when a buzzer sounded while the two teams were playing. The buzzer was to suspend the game and have everyone move to the basement to seek shelter from threats of tornadoes in the Nashville area.

After the buzzer sounded, Hayes hit a jumper to make the score 63-56; however, Eastern head coach Brady Sallee didn't think it should have counted because the players were distracted.

"Is there a textbook of how to handle it? Maybe I wish there was," Sallee said.

After a 22-minute tornado delay, all of the fans, media and teams went back upstairs to the court and the referees told Sallee his players needed to play through the whistle. The basket counted.

Now that the Panthers had survived a tornado warning, they went on a run of their own. They finished the last 6:09 of the game on a 12-5 run, capped by Eastern junior Syd-

ney Mitchell's game-tying three-pointer with 12 seconds left in the game.

In overtime the game was defined by another run – this from Tennessee Tech. The Golden Eagles led 71-70 early in overtime, and then went on a 10-0 run. They won 81-72.

"We couldn't get going on the defensive end," Eastern junior Ta'Kenya Nixon said. "We just can't forget what got us here and today we did."

What they forgot was they win games by out-rebounding teams and holding opponents to low shooting percentages with good defense. Instead, Tech out-rebounded Eastern 42-39 and shot 45.8 percent from the field.

"I go back to we have not won a game when we have been out-rebounded and give up 45 percent from the field," Sallee said. "We're just not going to win that game. It's not our equation."

The Panthers went through a rough patch to end their season, losing four of their last six games at the end of the regular season including the OVC tournament game.

However, they set high marks during the season, with a 13-game winning streak between Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2011, and Monday, Feb. 6, 2012.

The Panthers played in the Women's National Invitation Tournament in mid-march, making for their second appearance in the tournament in three years and third post-season tournament in a row.

STORY | ALEX MCNAMEE

CROSS COUNTRY

DEFEATING THE RIVAL

Women's cross country team takes OVC title

For the first time since 2001, the women's cross country team brought home an Ohio Valley Conference championship.

Led by junior Erika Ramos, who had already broken the school 6K record earlier in the season, the Panthers were able to knock off the defending champion, the Eastern Kentucky Colonels.

"It feels great because it was at our rival school, EKV, and we totally wanted to go down there and beat them at their home course," Ramos said.

In just her second season as head coach, Erin Howarth has changed the culture of the team, as the runners continue to improve each year.

"It's unbelievable how she's brought everything she knows with her philosophy on running to our program and just changed everything," Ramos said.

Howarth was named OVC Coach of the Year for her efforts.

The men finished just short of a con-

ference title, taking the runner-up position. Still, the team stays together like a family, even through the ups-and-downs of the season.

"Our team is very close. We do just about everything together from eating dinner to practice, and hanging out nearly every night," said freshman Bryce Basting. "A majority of nights we do all three. It felt almost like a family even before I officially came to Eastern."

Senior Brad LaRocque earned first team OVC honors, while Basting, senior Matt Feldhake, and sophomore Danny Delaney made the second team.

On the women's side, Ramos, junior Olivia Klaus and fifth-year senior Caitlin Napoleoni all earned OVC first-team honors, while senior Britney Whitehead and junior Gabriela Duenas made second team.

STORY | DOMINIC RENZETTI

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Trying to catch an opposing runner Eastern freshman Joe Calio races around the cross country trail during the men's and women's cross country meet Friday, Sept. 9, 2011.

PHOTO | OLIVIA ANGELOFF



Gabriela Duenas, a junior art major, runs while competing in the Walt Crawford Panther Open cross country race Friday, Sept. 9, 2011, on Panther Trail. Duenas finished 15th in the individual rankings, one of seven members of the women's team scoring points en route to a second place finish overall, outranked by only Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.
PHOTO | KIMBERLY FOSTER



VS.



While celebrating Eastern's 33-26 win over Illinois State, Pat Wertz, a red-shirt junior defensive lineman, sprays his water bottles over the sidelines Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011, at O'Brien Field.

PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI





Panther Nation member Molly Kearns, a freshman sociology major, cheers during Eastern's first game of the season on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011, at O'Brien Field.
PHOTO | OLIVIA ANGELOFF



Jimmy Garoppolo, a sophomore quarterback, tries to get away from Illinois State's sophomore defensive lineman Colton Underwood.
PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI



Keithan Hendrick, a sophomore strong safety, kisses the Mid-America Classic Trophy as his team celebrates around him at O'Brien Field.
PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI

FOOTBALL CENTURYGAME

Season opens with big win against Redbirds

The Eastern football team took home the Mid-America Classic trophy in the 100th meeting between the Panthers and the rival Illinois State Redbirds.

The two teams last met at the season finale of the 2010 season, where the Panthers fell in Normal by a score of 27-23.

The loss left a sour taste in the mouth of the Panther players, who finished with a disappointing 2-9 record.

"We've had a whole year to think about it," senior defensive lineman Michael Letton said before the game. "Going from that last game to the first, that bitter taste has been in your mouth all offseason."

Following two key interceptions in the fourth quarter by senior strong safety Nick Martinez, the Panthers were able to seal a 33-26 victory over their in-state rival.

After the game, Martinez called the feeling of winning indescribable.

"Words can't explain it," Martinez said. "The ups and downs of the game, it's just a really great feeling."

The win opened the Panthers' season to a 1-0 record. The last time Eastern opened

with a 1-0 record was 2009, when they also opened with a win against Illinois State.

In his first game of the season, sophomore quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo had a career day, finishing 25-for-35, 304 yards through the air and three touchdowns.

The game went down as the final season opener for Eastern head coach Bob Spoo, who will be retiring at the end of the 2011 season.

"It's one of the best ones we've ever played," Spoo said. "I knew we had a special group when they reported on Aug. 3."

Spoo said a major factor in winning the game for the Panthers was the team's ability to make plays.

"We made plays," he said. "Last year we didn't make plays as a football team."

Spoo will finish with an overall record of 11-10-1 against the Redbirds.

After losing seven of the last nine games to the Redbirds, the Panthers won, bringing the team's overall record against Illinois State to 52-39-9.

STORY | DOMINIC RENZETTI



Junior flanker Stefanie Mahan hands off the ball to freshman flyhalf/fullback Carrissa Burge during Eastern's game against Quinnipiac Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011, at Lakeside Field. Eastern's game against Quinnipiac marked the first Division I NCAA women's rugby game.
PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI

RUGBY

UNDEFEATED

Panthers end the season 10-0, win first NCAA Division I women's game

The women's rugby team capped off another memorable season with its third undefeated season in the last four years.

This year's squad did not resemble the Panther squads of the past, but it overcame multiple obstacles on its way to perfection.

The Panthers' season was full of excitement from the get-go as they welcomed the Grand Valley State Golden Rams to Lakeside Field for a chance at vengeance.

Grand Valley State did what few other teams have done over the past four years as it was able to record a win against the premier team in NCAA Division I women's rugby.

"This sets the tone for everything we are doing this year," junior wing Kayla Heal said, following the win on Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011. "Everyone just brought it today and we played like it was our job."

The Panthers continued to impress leading up to the marquee game on their schedule. With Eastern leading the way for the sport of women's rugby, it had the honor of hosting the Quinnipiac Bobcats in what was the first ever NCAA Division I women's rugby game.

The Panthers played up to expectations and were able to record a history-making 24-0 win over the Bobcats.

"It's certainly great for Eastern Illinois University and the sport of rugby," Eastern head coach Frank Graziano said, following the Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011, match-up with Quinnipiac. "It took 13 years to get to this point and with the connection we have with Quinnipiac, it probably starts



Cara Hahne, a sophomore wing, screams after she scored Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011, on Lakeside Field. Eastern beat Minnesota 20-7.

PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI

a new era."

The Panthers continued to dominate the opposition as they returned to Lakeside Field to host the Northern Iowa Panthers in what was the most physical game of the season.

Graziano had feared that the clashing styles of play would make it difficult for his small and speedy squad to stop the much larger and physical Northern Iowa squad on the defensive side of the ball.

"We just don't physically match up very well with them. It's difficult for our 150-pound girls to tackle their 210-pound girls," Graziano said. "To some extent I

think we had a great chance to shut them out that game, but to only give up five points was a great win for us."

The Panthers improved to 7-0 on the season with a 24-5 win over Northern Iowa.

The Panthers were involved in low scoring affairs throughout the season, but the Panthers offensive attack exploded for 222 points over their final three games against the Iowa State Cyclones, the Quinnipiac Bobcats and the Purdue Boilermakers.

STORY | JORDAN POTTORFF

MEN'S SOCCER

LOOKING FORWARD

Panthers disappointed, but taking steps forward

The Eastern's men's soccer team returned to the Summit League after a brief stint in the Missouri Valley Conference, but did not get quite the results it had hoped for.

The Panthers finished the season with an overall record of 7-9-1, but struggled in conference play, finishing 1-4-1 for the season. They also missed the Summit League tournament.

However, it was a big improvement from 2010 when the Panthers posted a 4-12-1 record.

Senior forward Ryan Child said he wished the season had turned out much better.

"I'm bitterly disappointed," Child said. "We have had some decent seasons and it kind of makes it even more disappointing for my final season to have a really strong senior class and every other class is strong. It's just kind of disappointing that we could not finish it off with a really good season."

Despite the heartbreak of not making the postseason tournament, there are many positives the team can take from this season.

Head coach Adam Howarth said the team had an up-and-down season, but there are some good things the returning players will learn.

"We have a lot of players returning who played a lot of soccer," Howarth said. "We outplayed a lot of teams. The statistics do not lie. We beat some good teams."

The Panthers beat former Big 10 champion Northwestern on the road.

Combined with this big victory, the Panthers do have some negatives going into the off-season. They are losing a productive group of seniors. Among the group is Child, defenseman Darby Kehoe, defenseman and co-captain Graham Lynch, defenseman and co-captain Mike Picinich, midfielder Jonathan Hinds and defenseman Zach Piekarski.

"Seniors are always tough to replace," Howarth said. "We will look to our current players and see who will step up along with our incoming recruiting class."

Eastern had three players earn All-Summit League honors. Highlighting the group was Picinich who made the all-conference first team. He had three goals and one assist in his senior season.

Freshman forward Jake Brillhart was selected to both the all-conference second team and the all-newcomer team. He was the only freshman to be on either the first or second team in the entire Summit League. Brillhart led the team with four goals and contributed two assists.

Freshman midfielder Will Bulter was named to the all-newcomer team. Bulter led the Panthers with 11 points, as he scored three goals and dished out five assists.

Child said he will greatly miss his time with the Panthers, but he feels that the team will continue to improve.

"I think (the team) will do very well next year," Child said.

STORY | ROB MORTELL





Red-shirt junior midfielder Ian McCausland and Kyle Hyland, a junior midfielder from IUPUI, both slide in for the ball during Eastern's 0-0 game Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011, at Lakeside Field. The game went into double overtime with no team scoring in the final 10 minutes.
PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI



Senior defender Hillary Blake and Valparaiso's junior forward Catherine Terrell, go head-to-head for control of the ball during the women's soccer game on Friday, Sept. 11, 2011.
PHOTO | OLIVIA ANGELOFF

WOMEN'S SOCCER

UPS AND DOWNS

Three seniors named Capital One Academic All-District V

The Eastern women's soccer team recovered from a 1-6-2 non-conference schedule to make its 13th consecutive Ohio Valley Conference tournament appearance. The Panthers went 4-5-0 in the OVC.

The season opened with three consecutive road losses to Northern Iowa, Missouri and Belmont before tying Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis.

The Panthers then returned home to fall 3-2 to Butler before finally capturing their first win, against Western Illinois in a 1-0 nail-biter. The team proceeded to limp into conference play, where they caught fire and won three of their first four matches, losing eventually to regular season champion Southeast Missouri in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

The Panthers would then only win one of their remaining five regular season matches. They would go on to lose 2-1 to Tennessee-Martin in the first round of the OVC tournament.

The Panthers went into halftime leading 1-0, but Tennessee-Martin came out looking like a different team during the final 45 minutes, stalling any Panther offense in the final minutes while outshooting Eastern 13-0 in the second half.

"I think the good thing is that Tennessee-Martin did a great job just adjusting to what we were trying to do," said head coach Summer Perala.

"From our perspective it was fantastic that we actually made a team have to adjust to us."

The loss was especially heartbreaking for the team's seniors, including defender Sam Balek, who scored her first career goal in her final match.

The Panthers' season went up and down, but despite the disappointing ending there were multiple postseason bright spots, including three seniors, defender Hillary Blake and midfielder/forwards Jessica Blake and Ashley Eck, being named Capital One Academic All-District V.

Also among the post-season honorees was junior forward/midfielder Kristin Germann, who was named second-team All-Conference after a season which saw her lead the Panthers with five goals and tie for the team lead with two assists.

Honored with All-OVC designation this year was freshman Meagan Radloff, who was named to the all-newcomer team. Radloff is the sixth Panther to be named to the all newcomer team, and gives the Panther at least one all-newcomer team honoree every year since the OVC started naming all-newcomer teams in 2006.

Perala said the Panthers will now head back to the drawing board and look to come back stronger in 2012 and make a deeper run into the postseason.

STORY | BRAD KUPIEC



Senior midfielder/forward Ashley Eck attempts to gain control of the ball during a game against Eastern Kentucky Friday, Oct. 14, 2011, at Lakeside Field. The Panthers lost to Eastern Kentucky 1-0. PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI

SOFTBALL

TOPNOTCH

Panthers set best record in program history

A long road paid off for Kiley Holtz in 2011, when her dream of winning an Ohio Valley Conference championship and hosting the conference tournament came true.

Since arriving on campus in 2008, Holtz said the program has progressed a lot. In 2011, her senior season, the Eastern softball team completed its most successful season in program history.

From a 20-26 record in 2008 to a 40-12 record in 2011, Holtz said she couldn't have imagined a better season for her senior year.

"Everything just clicked from the beginning (of the season)," Holtz said.

Holtz, who finished her career first in Eastern history RBIs and third in home runs, said team chemistry was a major part of the team's success, especially since it was a young team.

Sophomore Melise Brown was a part of the young team. However, she performed like a seasoned veteran.

Brown led the team in batting average, runs scored, triples, hits, at bats, stolen bases and total bases.

Brown said being able to have so much success, especially as a team, was an experience that can never be replaced.

"It feels good knowing that not every athlete gets to experience being conference champs," Brown said.

While the regular season success was history-making, the Panthers couldn't finish off what they started. Eastern was knocked out of the OVC Tournament, which Eastern hosted.

The Panthers lost twice to Southeast Missouri, eliminating them from contention.

"I think we were still strung high because we had just won the conference a few days before," Brown said. "I know how bad we all wanted it,



Above | Stephanie Maday, a sophomore pitcher, prepares to release the ball during a double header against Jacksonville State at Williams Field Saturday, April 30, 2011.

Right | The softball team celebrates their win over Jacksonville State after the first game. The victory came at the top of the seventh inning as Jacksonville State tied the game at 3-3. Ashleigh Westover, a sophomore infielder, was able to give Reynae Hutchinson, a sophomore pitcher/outfielder, the opportunity to score, allowing Eastern to win 4-3.

PHOTOS | DANNY DAMIANI

I just don't think we played with that same passion."

As a team, Brown said they were upset because they knew the conference tournament, on their home field, should have turned out differently.

STORY | ALEX MCNAMEE





Junior backstroke/individual medley swimmer
Chacour Koop prepares to start the men's 100-yard
backstroke during Eastern's meet against Western
Illinois in the Padovan Pool Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012.
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SWIMMING

Struggling season

Women, men both earn fifth at Summit League Championship

The Eastern swim teams struggled this year, but made strides at the end of the season to have fans hopeful for next season.

Lead by first-year head coach Elliott McGill, the women finished with a regular season record of 1-8 with their only win coming at home on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012, against rival Western Illinois. The women earned fifth place at the Summit League Championships.

In the 50-yard freestyle and the 50 and 100-yard backstroke Mackenzie Anderson finished with the best times at 25.90, 28.06 and 1:00.37. Mary Lacine finished with the best times in the 200 and 400-yard individual medley with times of 2:14.53 and 4:47.36.

Kelli DiCanio earned the best times of 1:08.38 and 2:29.13 in the 100 and 200-yard breaststroke. Hailey Foss won the 200-500 and 1000-yard freestyles at 2:00.86, 5:17.34 and 11:01.67.

Katie VanHootegem and Nikki Peck earned best times of 56.40 and 19:33.34 in the 100 and 1650-yard freestyles, while Olga

Livshits won best time in the 200-yard backstroke at 2:13.08.

Katelynn Paige and Rebecca Ruffin gained the best times in the 100 and 200-yard butterfly with times of 1:02.04 and 2:19.02.

The best relay times of the season 1:42.49 in the 200-yard freestyle by VanHootegem, Anderson, Livshits and Morgan Roberts, while Anderson, VanHootegem, Hailey Foss and Katelynn Paige finished with a best time of 3:47.78 in the 400-yard freestyle. Foss, Livshits, Nikki Peck and Lacine earned a season best in the 800-yard Freestyle at 8:09.25.

In the 200 and 400-yard individual Medley Anderson, Kelli DiCanio, Paige and Livshits finished with times of 1:51.54 and 4:06.35.

Rich Waszak, Matt O'Hagan, Michael Lacine and Joe Ciliak timed the 200-yard individual medley at 1:35.02, while the 400-yard Individual medley by Waszak, O'Hagan, Lacine and Adam Jones at the best time was 3:33.96.

In the 200-yard Lacine, Daniel Enge, Waszak and Jones timed in

at 1:28.07, while Waszak, Lacine, Joe Ciliak and Matt O'Hagan finished with a time of 3:19.49 400-yard freestyle. Also in the 800-yard freestyle Waszak, Lacine, Chacour Koop and Christian Rhoten clocked a best time of 7:16.65.

Waszak had the best times in four events in the 200-yard freestyle, 50, 100 and 200-yard backstroke with times of 1:47.07, 24.50, 53.05 and 1:57.84. Bower timed best in the 500, 1000-yard freestyle and the 400-yard individual Medley at 4:57.45, 10:13.22 and 4:19.26. The 100-yard freestyle and 1650-yard freestyle best times were 48.85 and 12:58.35 earned by Ciliak and Rhoten.

Lacine timed best in the 50-yard freestyle and 200-yard Individual medley at 22.17 and 1:59.82. The best times in the 100 and 200-yard butterfly at 52.40 and 1:57.59 were earned by Enge. O'Hagan performed the best in the 100 and 200-yard breaststrokes at 58.75 and 2:12.76.

In their season finale the women and men both earned fifth in the Summit League Championships.

STORY | NICK BLANKENSHIP

TENNIS

Another miss hit

Youth gains experience the hard way

Amanda Dibbs had the strongest season of her career in 2011, Eastern tennis head coach John Blackburn said, and she will have a lot to look forward to in her senior season.

Dibbs was 8-7 in 2011 and was most successful from the four spot in 2011, going 6-4.

"When she stays aggressive, she's very hard to beat," Blackburn said.

Dibbs said the best aspects of her game are her big ground strokes and her speed.

Blackburn said Merritt Whitley also had a big season for the team in 2011. Whitley was the only other player besides Dibbs on the team with an overall winning record. Whitley was 5-4, with

an undefeated record, 4-0 from the No. 3 spot on the team.

On the men's side, Warren Race came into his own as a college tennis player. Race said he just started getting used to the way college tennis is played.

"High school tennis is not as diverse in how people play, but college requires more thinking and learning during matches," Race said.

Race was 4-13 in singles, but shined in doubles. He and Kevin Bauman were 6-7 overall in doubles play. They were 5-1 in conference play.

Blackburn said the men's team is starting to see great things from Race as he adjusts to a higher level of play.

The men's team was 2-15 overall,

with a 0-3 record at home on Rex Darling Courts. Blackburn said for both teams 2011 was a learning year.

Race said the Panthers' opponents had been playing longer in college than the Eastern teams had been in 2011.

In 2011, four of six men's players were freshmen or sophomores. Four of seven women's players were freshmen or sophomores. The women's team, however, had a more successful season. They tallied six wins.

"I think (2011) was a learning year," Blackburn said. "I'm excited to see what (the players) do with more experience."

STORY | ALEX MCNAMEE



Above | Assistant coach, Dias Doskavayer, talks with Amanda Dibbs, a junior psychology major, after her match against Morehead State at Rex Darling Courts Saturday, March 26, 2011.

Left | Jennifer Kim, a freshman biological sciences major, focuses on a ball during a tennis match against Morehead State.

Right | Matyas Hilgert, a junior management major, returns a serve during a doubles match against Morehead State at Rex Darling Courts.

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Alisha Donner, a junior thrower, prepares to release the hammer Saturday, April 1, 2011, during the first day of the EIU Big Blue Classic at O'Brien Field.
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TRACK & FIELD

RUNNING to NATIONALS

Zye Boey makes big strides, team wins OVC title

Zye Boey's trophy case is a little more crowded following the spring outdoor track and field season in 2011.

Not only did the Eastern men's and women's track and field teams win the Ohio Valley Conference, but Boey was named first-team All-American in the indoor 200-meter dash, honorable mention All-American by the U. S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association by advancing to outdoor nationals, and finished 21st in the 100-meter dash at the 2011 outdoor national championships in Des Moines, Iowa.

By placing 21st, Boey improved his finish by five spots – up from 26th in the same event in 2010.

"I had a lot more confidence and was more prepared," Boey said comparing the differences of the 2010 and 2011 championships. "I knew what to expect in the competition."

But getting to nationals wasn't an easy road for Boey, who battled knee and hamstring injuries since his arrival at Eastern, head coach Tom Akers said.

"God-given talent, hard work and luck all have a say in your successes," Akers said.

Battling a hamstring injury during the spring, Boey didn't race for four weekends in a row going into the NCAA Regional meet. At the meet, Boey had to qualify for the national championships by timing as one of the top 24 runners in the nation in his event.

So he did, in spite of the ailing hamstring.

Red-shirt senior Megan Gingerich, a teammates and close friend of Boey, said people outside of the team don't understand how hard Boey works to get to the places he's been.

"I think it's inspiring to his teammates to see that someone from a 'smaller' (Division I) school has achieved such lofty goals," Gingerich said.

Gingerich has been a major contributor to the track team in her own right.

In 2011, she set school records in the indoor and outdoor 800-meter run, for 2:10.96 and 2:06.37, respectively.

Inspired by her close friend, Boey, Gingerich hopes to end her career at nationals, just as Boey expects to for the third time in his collegiate career.

"I couldn't think of a sweeter way to finish my final year of running," Gingerich said.

The emergence of red-shirt sophomore Mick Viken also forced a change in the Eastern record books.

Viken broke both the indoor and outdoor pole vaulting records in his first season on campus, surpassing 17 feet each time.

Akers said he could see a couple national championship appearances in his future.

"If he can improve on this past season, he will definitely be a force to contend with nationally," Akers said.

STORY | ALEX MCNAMEE



Zye Boey, a red-shirt junior sprinter, runs in the men's 100-meter dash and breaks the previous outdoor record by running a time of 10.15 Saturday, April 2, 2011, during the second day of the EIU Big Blue Classic at O'Brien Field.

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The Eastern outdoor track team gathers in the center of O'Brien Field before the running events start during the second day of the EIU Big Blue Classic.

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INDOOR TRACK

Vaulting to New Heights



Red-shirt sophomore pole vaulter Mick Viken jumps over the bar during the EIU John Craft Invite Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012, in the Lantz Fieldhouse.

PHOTO | DANNY DAMIANI

Men's and women's teams win again

For the fourth straight year, the Eastern men's and women's track and field teams each took home the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championship.

The men were led by red-shirt senior Zye Boey on the men's side, as Boey won both the 55-meter dash and the 200-meter dash. It was Boey's final OVC Indoor Championship in his career at Eastern. He said his time at Eastern was something he would never forget.

"I had a great four years at Eastern," he said. "I loved it and wouldn't trade it for anything."

Boey said the key to team's success has been the coaching staff. Head coach Tom Akers was named OVC Coach of the Year.

"We have a great and phenomenal coaching staff," Boey said. "They know what needs to be done to win a conference championship."

Also finishing big in the OVC Indoor Championship for the Panthers was freshman Stefan Gorol, who finished first in the men's 400-meter dash, while red-shirt junior Sean Wiggan finished first in the men's 800-meter dash. Wiggan and Gorol, along with sophomore Cody Boarman and red-shirt junior Joe Augustine, finished first in the men's 4x400-meter dash.

For the second straight year, red-shirt sophomore Mick Viken finished

first in the men's pole vault, red-shirt senior Donald Romero won the men's weight throw.

Leading the way for the women was red-shirt sophomore Jade Riebold in the pole vault. Riebold, in only her first year as a Panther, broke the Eastern record, and then broke her own record twice. Riebold was the 2012 OVC Female Field Athlete of the Year.

Though it is only her first year, Riebold, a transfer from the University of Georgia, said she is adjusting well.

"I like them all. They're really nice and I get along with all of them," Riebold said before the team's first meet of the season. "Everyone's really nice here."

Riebold said that she's happy as long as things with the team are going well.

"As long as track is going good, then I'm happy," she said.

Riebold's pole vault record was just one of many on the women's side to fall. In the 2011-12 indoor season, red-shirt senior Megan Gingerich broke the school's 800-meter record, junior Erika Ramos broke the mile run record, the 4x400-meter relay team of Gingerich, Ramos and seniors Bridget Sanchez and Emily Quinones set a new school record, and Quinones also set a new record in the 55-meter dash.

STORY | DOMINIC RENZETTI



Zye Boey, a red-shirt senior sprinter, runs in the men's 60-meter dash preliminaries during the John Craft Invite 2012 in the Lantz Fieldhouse Saturday, Jan. 21 2012.
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Senior libero Brittany Wallace celebrates with teammates during Eastern's game against Southern-Illinois-Edwardsville Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011, in Lantz Arena. Eastern managed to come back from 0-2 and win the match, ending its losing streak of eight matches.
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VOLLEYBALL

Ending on a HIGH NOTE

Team ends season 11-20 overall

Despite an 11-20 overall record, the Panthers had a lot to be proud of during the season.

Junior Emily Franklin led the team with 386 kills, followed by her teammate sophomore Reynae Hutchinson with 328 kills.

Down early in the season with a 4-15 record and coming off a five-match losing streak, the Panthers stepped up their game by going on a four-match win streak starting with a five-set match against Jacksonville State.

Four different Panthers scored double-digit kills in the victory, including Franklin with 19 and her teammate junior Alison Berens, who nailed a career high of 15 kills.

They took the momentum to Tennessee Tech and closed the match in a shutout before bringing the streak home.

The largest upset of the season occurred weeks later when the undefeated, defending Ohio Valley Conference cham-

pions Morehead State looked to add another victory to their record.

Instead, the Panthers swept Morehead with Hutchinson and Franklin hitting 10 kills apiece.

Senior libero Brittany Wallace recorded 15 digs that night and also ended the season leading in digs with just four shy of 400.

After a back and forth season of 31 matches, the Panthers closed the 2011 season on a high note beating Tennessee Martin at home 3-1.

Franklin recorded 20 kills while Berens scored 13 kills and ended the season leading in blocks with 91.

The Panthers bid farewell to two graduating seniors Wallace and Chrissie Albers.

Albers ended the season with 45 kills, 200 digs, and 54 blocks.

STORY | LENNY ARQUILLA





Sophomore outside hitter Reynae Hutchinson bumps the ball during Eastern's last game of the season against Tennessee-Martin in Lantz Arena Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011. The Panthers took home the win with a 3-1 victory.

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SPORTS RECORDS

BASEBALL

3/5/2011	Evansville	W 7-4
3/6/2011	Evansville	L 1-4
3/11/2011	Alabama	L 2-3
3/12/2011	Alabama	L 1-12
3/13/2011	Alabama	L 0-5
3/15/2011	Mississippi State	L 4-9
3/18/2011	Memphis	W 3-1
3/19/2011	Memphis	W 4-3
3/20/2011	Memphis	L 7-11
3/22/2011	Chicago State	W 1-0
3/23/2011	Southern Illinois	L 4-7
3/26/2011	Eastern Kentucky	L 7-11
3/27/2011	Eastern Kentucky	W 8-1
3/27/2011	Eastern Kentucky	W 5-4
3/29/2011	Saint Louis	L 2-7
3/30/2011	Indiana State	L 2-5
4/2/2011	Austin Peay	W 11-9
4/2/2011	Austin Peay	L 0-8
4/3/2011	Austin Peay	L 7-8
4/5/2011	Western Illinois	L 0-4
4/10/2011	Morehead State	W 25-8
4/10/2011	Morehead State	W 23-6
4/12/2011	Illinois	W 4-1
4/13/2011	Illinois College	W 20-0
4/16/2011	Tennessee Tech	W 8-1
4/16/2011	Tennessee Tech	L 2-3
4/17/2011	Tennessee Tech	L 2-3
4/20/2011	Illinois	W 10-2
4/23/2011	Murray State	L 1-4
4/23/2011	Murray State	W 5-3
4/26/2011	Missouri	L 5-7
4/30/2011	UT Martin	L 4-6
4/30/2011	UT Martin	L 4-5
5/7/2011	Jacksonville State	W 4-3
5/8/2011	Jacksonville State	W 7-4
5/8/2011	Jacksonville State	L 4-5
5/10/2011	Saint Louis	W 5-2
5/11/2011	Illinois State	L 2-5
5/14/2011	SIU Edwardsville	L 1-10
5/14/2011	SIU Edwardsville	L 1-2
5/15/2011	SIU Edwardsville	L 3-5
5/17/2011	Bradley	W 3-2
5/20/2011	Southeast Missouri	L 5-9
5/20/2011	Southeast Missouri	L 6-9
5/21/2011	Southeast Missouri	L 7-8

FOOTBALL

9/1/2011	Illinois State	W 33-26
9/10/2011	Northwestern	L 21-42
9/17/2011	Tennessee Tech	L 20-31
9/24/2011	Jacksonville State	L 21-28
10/1/2011	Southeast Missouri	L 30-37
10/8/2011	Eastern Kentucky	L 16-48
10/15/2011	Murray State	L 27-36
10/22/2011	UT Martin	L 23-24
10/29/2011	Austin Peay	W 19-10
11/5/2011	Tennessee State	L 17-18
11/12/2011	Southern Illinois	L 28-45

SOFTBALL

3/19/2011	Murray State	W 5-2
3/19/2011	Murray State	W 4-0
3/20/2011	Murray State	W 5-0
3/26/2011	Tennessee State	W 10-0
3/26/2011	Tennessee State	W 13-0
3/27/2011	Tennessee State	W 10-3
3/30/2011	SIU Edwardsville	W 7-5
3/30/2011	SIU Edwardsville	W 7-0
4/2/2011	Tennessee Tech	W 3-1
4/2/2011	Tennessee Tech	L 0-2
4/3/2011	Tennessee Tech	W 6-4
4/6/2011	Southern Illinois	L 0-2
4/7/2011	SIU Edwardsville	W 1-0
4/9/2011	Eastern Kentucky	W 17-2
4/10/2011	Eastern Kentucky	W 3-2
4/10/2011	Eastern Kentucky	W 7-1
4/13/2011	Southeast Missouri	W 2-0
4/13/2011	Southeast Missouri	W 4-0
4/16/2011	UT Martin	W 4-1
4/17/2011	UT Martin	W 2-1
4/17/2011	UT Martin	W 5-4
4/19/2011	Southeast Missouri	L 4-8
4/22/2011	Austin Peay	L 2-3
4/22/2011	Austin Peay	W 7-2
4/23/2011	Austin Peay	W 11-2
4/30/2011	Jacksonville State	W 4-3
4/30/2011	Jacksonville State	L 0-4
5/1/2011	Jacksonville State	W 3-1
5/7/2011	Morehead State	W 2-1
5/7/2011	Morehead State	W 7-1
5/8/2011	Morehead State	W 3-1
5/12/2011	Southeast Missouri	L 0-4
5/13/2011	UT Martin	W 9-3
5/14/2011	Southeast Missouri	L 1-9

MEN'S TENNIS

1/23/2011	Ball State	L 1-6
1/29/2011	SIU Edwardsville	W 4-2
2/5/2011	IPFW	L 3-4
2/12/2011	Purdue	L 0-7
2/18/2011	Northern Illinois	L 1-6
2/20/2011	Valparaiso	L 2-5
2/27/2011	Marquette University	L 0-7
2/27/2011	UW-Green Bay	L 1-6
3/2/2011	Bradley	L 1-6
3/8/2011	Kaskaskia College	W 7-0
3/19/2011	Tennessee State	W 6-1
3/20/2011	Tennessee Tech	L 1-6
3/23/2011	Jacksonville State	L 0-7
3/26/2011	Eastern Kentucky	L 0-7
3/27/2011	Morehead State	L 2-5
4/2/2011	Austin Peay	L 1-6
4/6/2011	Southern Illinois	L 2-5
4/9/2011	Murray State	L 2-5

WOMEN'S TENNIS

1/29/2011	SIU Edwardsville	W 4-2
2/4/2011	Northern Illinois	W 5-2
2/5/2011	IPFW	L 1-6
2/18/2011	Southern Illinois	L 1-6
2/26/2011	Illinois State	L 0-7
3/4/2011	Bradley	W 5-2
3/6/2011	IUPUI	W 5-2
3/19/2011	Tennessee State	W 7-0
3/23/2011	Jacksonville State	L 3-4
3/26/2011	Eastern Kentucky	L 0-7
3/27/2011	Morehead State	L 2-5
3/30/2011	Chicago State	L 3-4
4/2/2011	Austin Peay	L 1-6
4/3/2011	UT Martin	L 3-4
4/9/2011	Murray State	L 2-5
4/10/2011	Southeast Missouri	W 5-2

RUGBY

9/3/2011	Grand Valley State	W 46-7
9/10/2011	Minnesota	W 20-7
9/18/2011	Quinnipiac	W 24-0
10/1/2011	Illinois	W 91-7
10/8/2011	UW-Milwaukee	W 43-15
10/15/2011	Quinnipiac	W 33-5
10/23/2011	Northern Iowa	W 24-5
10/29/2011	Iowa State	W 50-22
11/6/2011	Quinnipiac	W 66-3
11/12/2011	Purdue	W 106-0

VOLLEYBALL

8/26/2011	Miami (Ohio)	L 1-3
8/26/2011	Indiana State	L 0-3
8/27/2011	Chicago State	W 3-0
8/27/2011	Coppin State	W 3-1
9/2/2011	Wichita State	L 0-3
9/3/2011	Louisville	L 2-3
9/9/2011	Niagara	L 1-3
9/10/2011	Gonzaga	L 2-3
9/10/2011	Indiana	L 0-3
9/16/2011	Southeast Missouri	L 0-3
9/17/2011	Murray State	L 1-3
9/20/2011	SIU Edwardsville	W 3-2
9/23/2011	Austin Peay	W 3-1
9/24/2011	Tennessee State	L 0-3
9/30/2011	Eastern Kentucky	L 1-3
10/1/2011	Morehead State	L 0-3
10/4/2011	Southeast Missouri	L 1-3
10/7/2011	UT Martin	L 0-3
10/14/2011	Jacksonville State	W 3-2
10/15/2011	Tennessee Tech	W 3-0
10/17/2011	Illinois-Chicago	W 3-1
10/21/2011	Tennessee State	W 3-0
10/22/2011	Austin Peay	L 0-3
10/25/2011	SIU Edwardsville	L 0-3
10/28/2011	Morehead State	W 3-0
10/29/2011	Eastern Kentucky	L 2-3
11/1/2011	Murray State	L 2-3
11/4/2011	Tennessee State	W 3-0
11/5/2011	Jacksonville State	L 2-3
11/12/2011	UT Martin	W 3-1

WOMEN'S SOCCER

8/19/2011	Northern Illinois	L 0-1
8/21/2011	Missouri	L 1-4
8/26/2011	Belmont	L 0-1
9/2/2011	IUPUI	T 2-2
9/4/2011	Butler	L 2-3
9/9/2011	Western Illinois	W 1-0
9/11/2011	Valparaiso	L 0-2
9/13/2011	Northern Illinois	T 0-0
9/17/2011	Akron	L 0-2
9/23/2011	Tennessee Tech	W 2-0
9/25/2011	Jacksonville State	W 2-0
9/30/2011	Southeast Missouri State	L 0-1
10/2/2011	UT Martin	W 1-0
10/14/2011	Eastern Kentucky	L 0-1
10/16/2011	Morehead State	W 2-0
10/21/2011	Murray State	L 0-3
10/23/2011	Austin Peay	L 0-1
10/30/2011	SIU Edwardsville	L 0-1
11/3/2011	UT Martin	L 1-2

MEN'S SOCCER

8/26/2011	Northwestern	W 2-1
9/1/2011	Bradley	L 1-2
9/3/2011	Central Arkansas	W 3-2
9/9/2011	SIU Edwardsville	L 1-3
9/11/2011	Evansville	L 2-3
9/16/2011	Dayton	W 1-0
9/18/2011	Niagara	L 0-2
9/22/2011	Lipscomb	W 2-1
9/25/2011	IUPUI	T 0-0
9/30/2011	Western Illinois	L 0-3
10/7/2011	Oral Roberts	W 2-1
10/12/2011	Loyola (IL)	W 1-0
10/15/2011	UMKC	L 1-3
10/22/2011	Western Michigan	W 3-1
10/29/2011	Oakland	L 0-2
11/1/2011	Belmont	L 0-3
11/5/2011	IPFW	L 1-2

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

3/26/2011	EIU / Indiana State Dual	O'Brien Field
3/26/2011	SIU Edwardsville Quad Meet	Edwardsville, Ill.
3/31/2011	Neil Moore Multi's	O'Brien Field
4/1/2011	EIU Big Blue Classic	O'Brien Field
4/2/2011	EIU Big Blue Classic	O'Brien Field
4/9/2011	WKU Hilltopper Relays	Bowling Green, Ky.
4/16/2011	SIUE Gateway Classic	Edwardsville, Ill.
4/21/2011	Kansas Relays	Lawrence, Kan.
4/22/2011	Kansas Relays	Lawrence, Kan.
4/23/2011	Kansas Relays	Lawrence, Kan.
4/23/2011	ISU Pacemaker	Terre Haute, Ind.
4/29/2011	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa
4/30/2011	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa
4/30/2011	Stan Lyons Invite	Indianapolis, Ind.
5/6/2011	OVC Championships	Murray, Ky.
5/7/2011	OVC Championships	Murray, Ky.
5/13/2011	Louisville Twilight	Louisville, Ky.
5/26/2011	NCAA Regional	Eugene, Ore.
5/27/2011	NCAA Regional	Eugene, Ore.
5/28/2011	NCAA Regional	Eugene, Ore.

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5/27/2011	NCAA Regional	Eugene, Ore.
5/28/2011	NCAA Regional	Eugene, Ore.
6/8/2011	NCAA Championships	Des Moines, Iowa

INDOOR TRACK

12/9/2011	EIU Early Bird	Lantz Fieldhouse
1/21/2012	EIU John Craft Invite	Lantz Fieldhouse
1/27/2012	Indiana Relays	Bloomington, Ind.
1/28/2012	Indiana Relays	Bloomington, Ind.
2/3/2012	Notre Dame Mevo	South Bend, Ind.
2/4/2012	Notre Dame Mevo	South Bend, Ind.
2/10/2012	Grand Valley Big Meet	Allendale, Mich.
2/10/2012	Indiana Hoosier Hills	Bloomington, Ind.
2/11/2012	Grand Valley Big Meet	Allendale, Mich.
2/17/2012	EIU Friday Night Special	Lantz Fieldhouse
2/24/2012	OVC Indoor Championships	Nashville, Tenn.
3/2-3/2012	NCAA Last Chance	South Bend, Ind.
3/9-10/2012	NCAA Indoor Championships	Boise, Idaho

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

11/11/2011	Oakland City University	W 93-32
11/15/2011	Bradley	W 59-58
11/21/2011	Illinois State	W 83-69
11/23/2011	San Jose State	W 93-71
11/26/2011	Sacramento State	L 85-89
12/5/2011	Western Illinois	W 88-55
12/7/2011	Missouri	L 54-56
12/10/2011	Indiana State	W 75-60
12/17/2011	IUPUI	W 64-49
12/20/2011	Valparaiso	L 50-53
12/22/2011	UIC	L 50-66
12/29/2011	Northern Illinois	W 72-62
1/2/2012	Murray State	W 76-51
1/4/2012	Xavier	W 60-54
1/9/2012	SIU Edwardsville	W 73-70
1/14/2012	Southeast Missouri State	W 73-46
1/16/2012	UT Martin	W 70-63
1/21/2012	Austin Peay	W 80-46
1/23/2012	Tennessee State	W 88-73
1/28/2012	Jacksonville State	W 71-55
1/30/2012	Murray State	W 80-63
2/1/2012	Southeast Missouri	W 74-48
2/4/2012	Morehead State	W 78-58
2/6/2012	Eastern Kentucky	W 64-51
2/11/2012	UT Martin	L 86-94
2/13/2012	Tennessee Tech	W 52-51
2/18/2012	SIU Edwardsville	L 54-59
2/23/2012	Morehead State	L 57-59
2/25/2012	Eastern Kentucky	W 79-76

MEN'S BASKETBALL

11/6/2011	Oliver Nazarene (exhib.)	W 78-48
11/11/2011	Indiana State	L 72-79
11/16/2011	Loyola-Chicago	W 65-61
11/20/2011	Northern Illinois	W 67-55
11/23/2011	Eureka College	W 87-56
11/26/2011	Central Arkansas	L 96-107
11/30/2011	Maine	W 85-80
12/3/2011	Stony Brook	W 72-69
12/7/2011	Oakland City University	W 83-67
12/10/2011	Western Illinois	L 48-64
12/18/2011	Northwestern	L 72-87
12/21/2011	Maine	L 60-64
12/30/2011	Murray State	L 40-73
1/4/2012	SIU Edwardsville	W 73-59
1/7/2012	Houston Baptist	W 74-62
1/12/2012	UT Martin	W 68-55
1/14/2012	Southeast Missouri	L 73-80
1/19/2012	Tennessee State	L 46-55
1/21/2012	Austin Peay	L 64-76
1/26/2012	Jacksonville State	L 45-63
1/28/2012	Murray State	L 58-73
1/30/2012	Southeast Missouri	L 53-74
2/2/2012	Eastern Kentucky	L 43-47
2/4/2012	Morehead State	L 55-56
2/9/2012	Tennessee Tech	W 74-57
2/11/2012	UT Martin	W 74-71
2/15/2012	SIU Edwardsville	W 73-66
2/18/2012	Illinois-Chicago	L 63-67
2/23/2012	Morehead State	L 39-75
2/25/2012	Eastern Kentucky	L 74-86

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

10/7/2011	Butler	L 93-110
10/21/2011	IUPUI	L 68-161
10/23/2011	Evansville	L 72-125
10/29/2011	Illinois-Chicago	L 60-137
11/11/2011	House of Champions	7th
1/1/2012	Auburn	Non-Scoring Event
1/6/2012	Tunica Invitational	1st
1/13/2012	Ball State	L 74-203
1/14/2012	Western Illinois	W 127-63
1/21/2012	IUPUI	L 80.5-122.5
1/28/2012	Saint Louis	L 49-169
1/28/2012	Evansville	L 39-179
2/15/2012	Summit League Championship	5th

MEN'S SWIMMING

10/7/2011	Intersquad Meet	Gray def. Blue, 81-77
10/21/2011	IUPUI	L 79-141
10/23/2011	Evansville	L 81-122
10/29/2011	Illinois-Chicago	L 76-122
11/11/2011	House of Champions	5th
1/1/2012	Auburn	No Score
1/6/2012	Tunica Invitational	2nd
1/13/2012	Ball State	L 81-181
1/14/2012	Western Illinois	W 123.5-73.5
1/21/2012	IUPUI	W 113-88
1/28/2012	Saint Louis	L 57-158
1/28/2012	Evansville	L 71-139
2/15/2012	Summit League Championship	5th

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

9/9/2011	EIU Walt Crawford Open	2nd
9/16/2011	Illinois Intercollegiate	4th
9/30/2011	Notre Dame Invite	6th
10/14/2011	Bradley Classic	10th
10/29/2011	OVC Championships	1st
11/12/2011	NCAA Midwest Regional	18th

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

9/9/2011	EIU Walt Crawford Open	1st
9/16/2011	Illinois Intercollegiate	3rd
9/30/2011	Notre Dame Invite	8th
10/14/2011	Bradley Classic	6th
10/29/2011	OVC Championships	2nd
11/12/2011	NCAA Midwest Regional	16th



Alex Pierce, a red-shirt sophomore offensive lineman, watches the final quarter of Eastern's game against Illinois State University Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011, at O'Brien Field.
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Assistant professor Gustavo Albear demonstrates on Vehyon Cartman, a sophomore sociology major, how the eyes of an opponent can mislead someone during a fight at the Ekkin Kyo Kan Dojo of Eastern Illinois' Monday, Nov. 28, 2011, meeting in the Rec Center. "I teach them how to deal with habitual acts of violence they will see in civil society," Albear said.
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organizations.

Student-run organizations promote leadership, responsibility and respect for diversity. They empower and encourage Eastern's students to reach their full potential in a student-centered and supportive environment. Promoting academics, service, greek life and enjoyment, student organizations mold our campus. The 228 registered student organizations offered on Eastern's campus allow each and every student to become involved in his or her own way.

Being involved in a student organization gives students something to belong to — helping them foster their identities at Eastern. Each organization has a defined reason as to why they are active on campus, but only members in that group know the definition and what it means to Eastern. Organizations on Eastern's campus are a mass of defined groups, but as a whole they promote the aspects of Eastern that are undefined.

ACEI

First Row | Abigail Feldman (Secretary), Sara Stec (Membership); Second Row | Amanda Bosco (Vice President), Shannon Toland (President), Amanda Green (Publicity)



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First Row | Camille Williams, Tyesha Rover, Phyllis Frimpong, Candace Williams; Second Row | Wanda Kay Robinson, Joy Raines, Tamika Nunnery, Tania Stanford, Sarah Ampadu, Kayla Slusher, Terricka Christian; Third Row | Timothy Bell, Kenneth Phiffer, Phillip Ogwal, James Cooper, Andrew Robinson, Kwame Patterson, Charles Woodruff, Chaase Woodruff, Blake Morris





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 sha Lucas; Third Row | Omololu Kafisanwo Kaffy, Eric Mensah, Kekeli
 Mensah, Breanna Johnson, Nofisat Gafari, Zainab Fajolu, Vanessa Odu-
 ro Sarkodie, Sierra Rhymes, Kehinde Fagbemi, Jesseca Rhymes, Toyin
 Adesanya, Elizabeth Smith; Fourth Row | Thui Phetchareune, Bamidele
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 er, Tyesha Rover, Cyprian Amede, Shavon Francis, Shanell McDonald,
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 Row | Tenicha Hudson, Jarvis Burks, Suleiman Ali, Nakil Hakeem, Tim-
 othy Bell, Gwyne Thomas, Josh Brown, Endashaw Negatu, Dana Jor-
 dan, Sarah Ampadu, Maleeka Holden, Stephanie Barnes, Brittney Ed-
 wards, Josue Jackson



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First Row | Ashley Hicks, Tiara Pillow, Shameeka Mitchell, Dawn Reed;
 Second Row | Kiara Mack, Victoria Steenes, Jasmine Hughes, Shana
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First Row | Ayesha Hussain, Heewon Shin, Jungah Lee, Rose Paoletti; Second Row | Bria Williams, Shahmir Haq, Thui Phetchareune, Ann Ignalaga

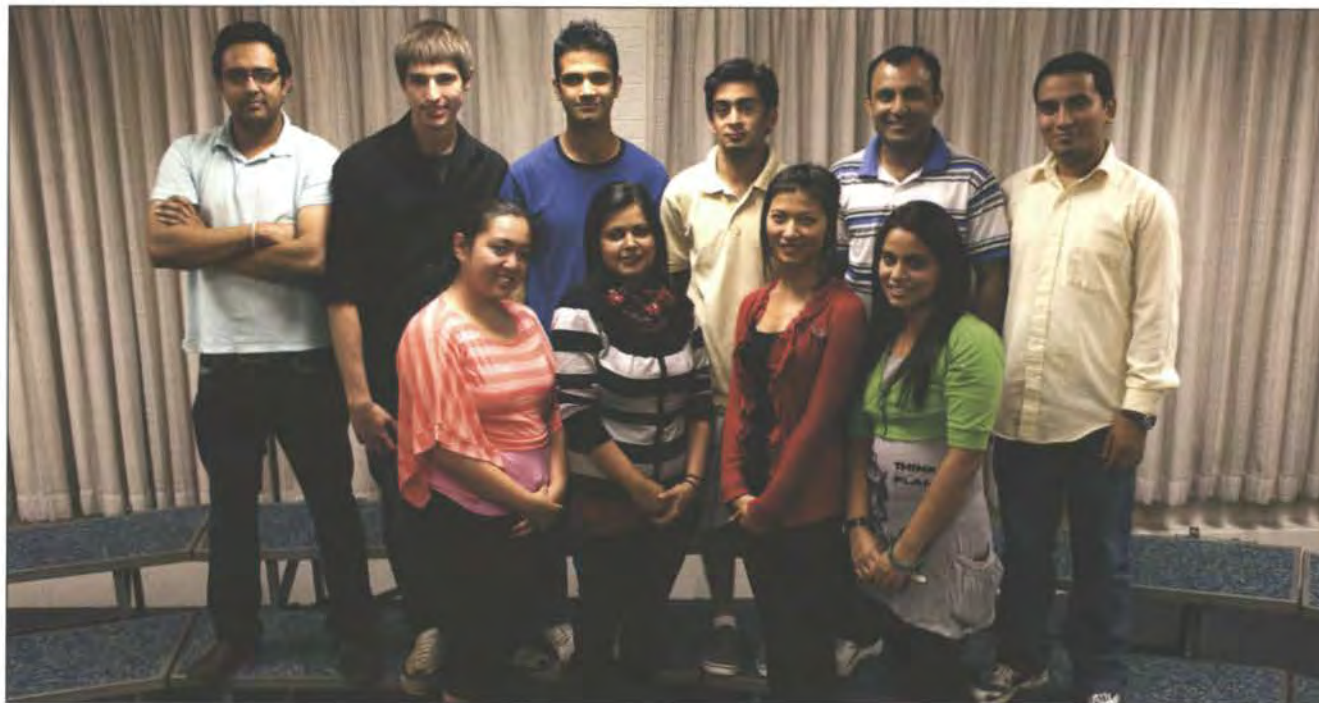


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First Row | Joy Ignalaga, Samyukta Ghimire, Bhawana Shrestha, Manisha Pant; Second Row | Saoud Shahzad, Lucas Balaminit, Ashim Pokharel, Shahmir Haq, Muhammad Rizwan, Vaskar Nepal



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First Row | Hannah Tanquary, Stevie Momaly, Kara Baker; Second Row | Scott Otto, Michael Giberson, Brian Wood, Anthony Ernst





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First Row | Justin Barrett, Savannah Kapper, Brian Sowa, Cathy Sowa;
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Chi Sigma Iota

First Row | Danessa Perdieu, Melissa McConaha, Breanna Way



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First Row | Morgan Luft, Melissa Ledvina, Meaghan O'Donovan; Second Row | Rebecca Zuccarelli, Paulina Chomczyk, Kerri Brachear; Not Pictured | Jessye Hoff-Hobson

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First Row | Janelle Robinson, Danni Asquini, Aubrey Frank, Mary Ashley Walsh, Katie Crowley; Second Row | Jessi Smith, Amy Nelson, Chelsea Williamson, Kristin Runde, Kristen Moxley, Jordyn Rahn, Alex Hanes; Third Row | Amanda Rakers, Angelica Cerceo- Jensen, Jen Seiler, Lauren Wolf, Tori Purcelle, Jessica Flammini, Megan Schapiro, Caity Zenner, Nicole Stremplewski



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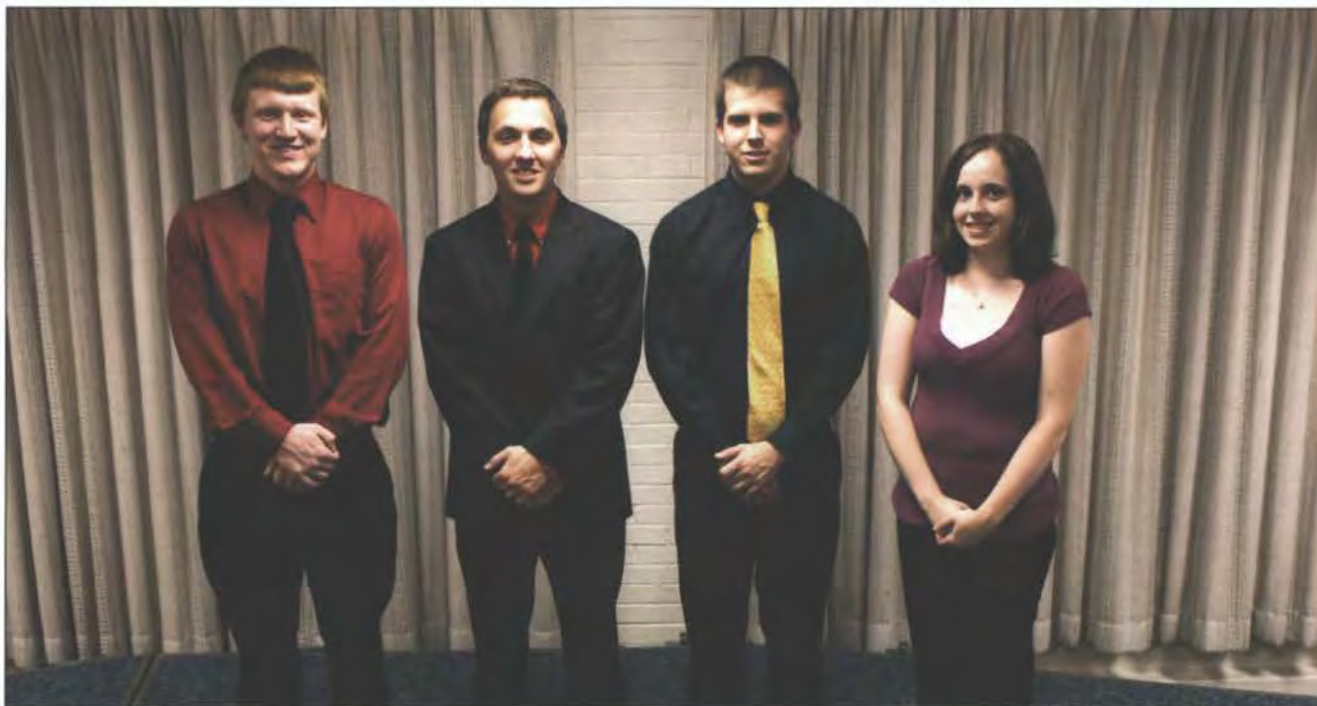
First Row | E'Lisa Rogers (Ava Thornton Not Pictured), Lydia Ramos (Taliyah Ramos & Victoria Crump), Jessye Hoff-Hobson (Trenton Hobson); Second Row | Veronica Hemmingway (Layla Hemmingway), Kahla Peay-West (Skylar Maye), Aujulay Myles (Deontae Johnson Jr.), Tinayia Washington (Kamareion Bell, Kamarion Powers), Jennifer Lee (Amelia Lee), Maggie L. Burkhead (Adviser); Not Pictured | Christina Spain, Nevla Powers



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Third Row | Timothy Bell, Melvin Kelly, Vehyon Cartman, Vaushawn Brown

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Dykema, Erica Burns, Rachel Shepard, Rachel Crose, Megan Feigen,
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by Mileham, Breanne Dupuis, Bethany Noller, Kristin Birkner, Sinead
Kenny, Brook Cowell, Jennifer Kaczmarek, Lauren Kroll, Bridget We-
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Johnston, Lauren Hess, Hillary Bragg, Rebecca Kalas, Brittany Booth,
Kara Butorac, Brittany McCoy, Megan Nemece, Jessica Barnas, Saman-
tha Sarich, Caitlyn Buchanan, Jade Kuhl, Megan McQueen, Jenna Ste-
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German Club

First Row | Maria Kuhn, Emily Pedziwiatr, Danielle McKenzie;
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Habitat for Humanity

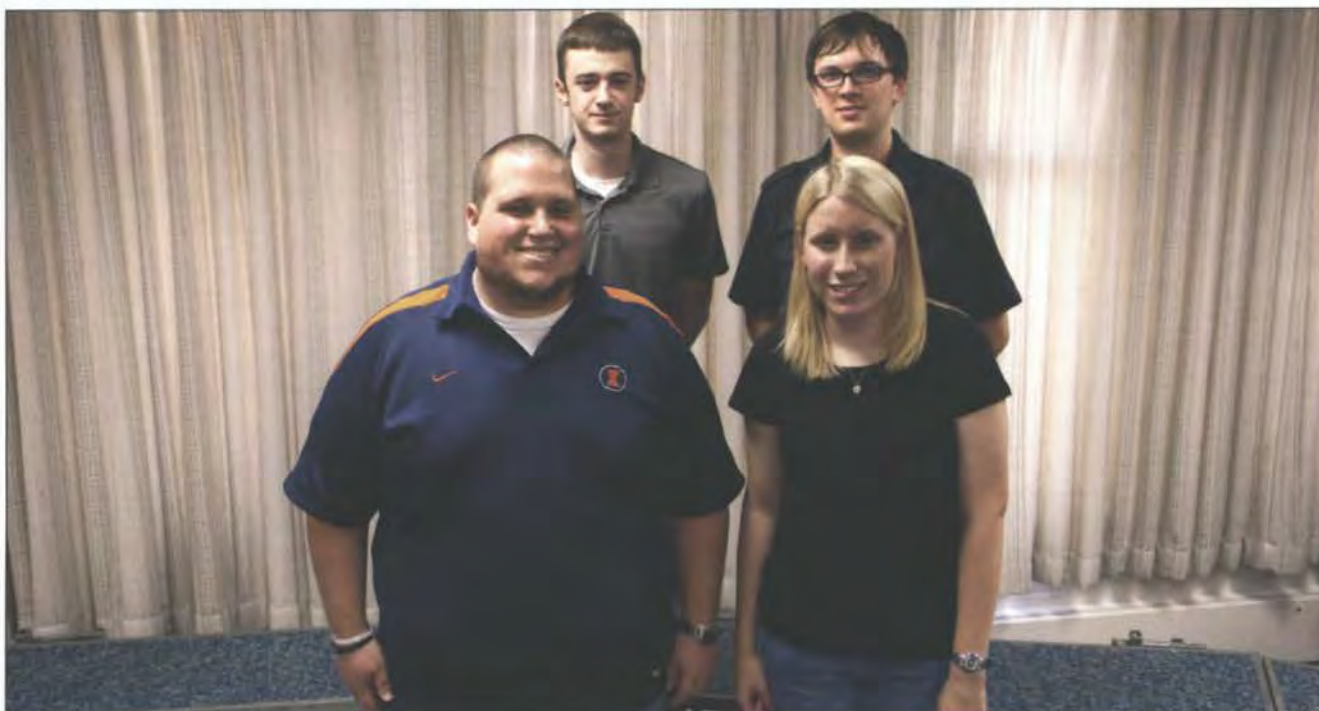
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Marcella Earl, Kinyeta Porter; Not Pictured | Dawn Reed, Alicia Cook,
Michaela Wilbourn, Mia Brown, Angelica Brack, Whitney Alexander,
Jalesa Sheilds, Reneesha Reed



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ond Row | James Cooper, Blake Morris, Charles E. Woodruff Jr., An-
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Phi Beta Lambda

First Row | Jessica Carey; Second Row | Melissa Muckensturm, Tori Rehahn



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Phi Sigma Pi

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Sigma Gamma Rho

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Third Row | Elizabeth Matese, Rob Devall, Anna Perrecone, Heather Jia

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Third Row | Chris Behler, Andrew Goetsch, Kate Cottrell, Jeremiah
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Third Row | Rhea Michaels, Megan Anne Ozark, Arthur F. Jimenez, Kristie Sutherland

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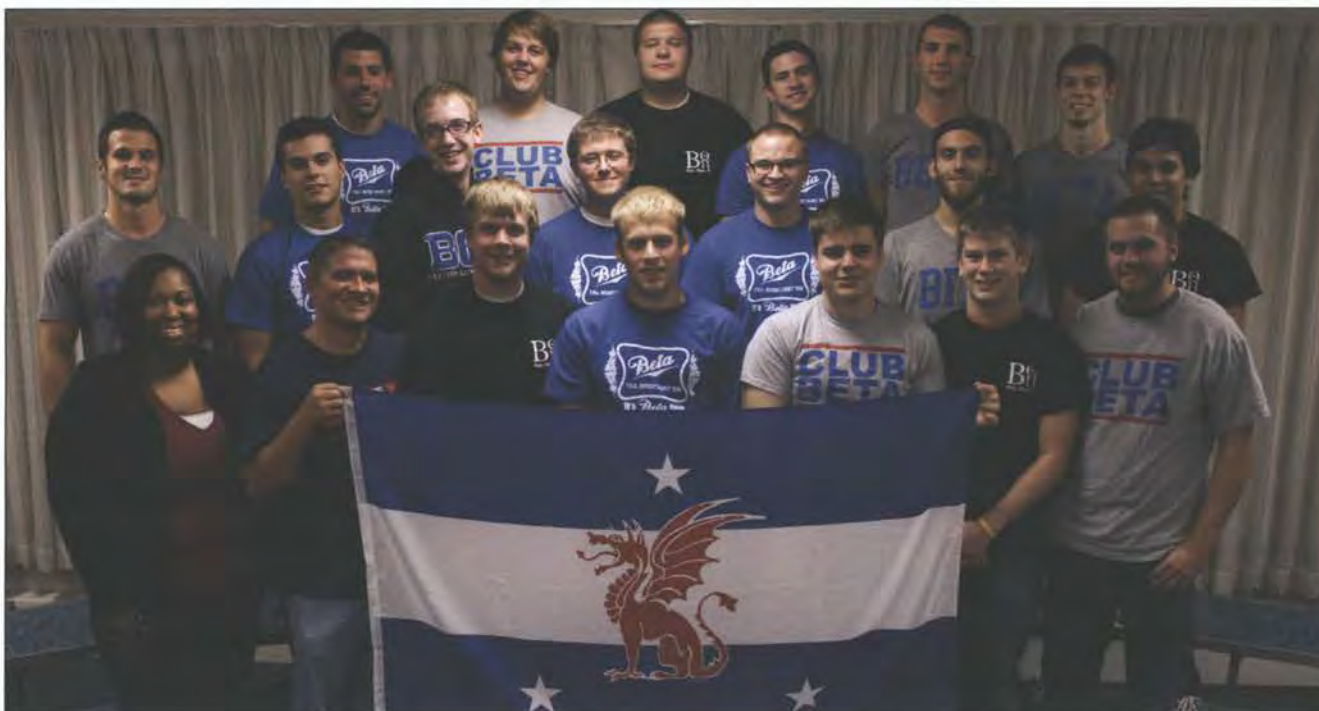
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Cyrus Williams, a senior general studies major, waits as Ashley West, of Lauren Studios, fixes his cap during senior photos Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2012, in the MLK Jr. Union. "It's been 30 years since I walked across the high school stage so, I'm ecstatic," Williams said.

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seniors.

It may feel like just yesterday when we opened our acceptance letters and were told for the first time, "YOU ARE EIU." In a blink of an eye later, we are reaching for our degrees.

The degree is simply a piece of paper that will hang on our walls, but it means so much more. It symbolizes at once what we have done in the past, and what we can now do in the future.

From the late nights spent in Mary J. Booth, to weekends with friends, Eastern has expanded our knowledge and prepared us for our lives. Unaware of what lies ahead, all students are sure of one thing: they will never forget the memories they have made here.

Everyone says college is the best years of our lives, and wherever our paths lead us, our hard work has finally paid off. Our future is about to begin.

Ashley Aardsma | PED: Teacher Cert K-12
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 Madelyn Adams-Stansberry | FCS
 Todd Akande | KSS
 Christine Albers | Biological Sciences
 Andre Allen | Communication Studies
 Essence Allen | Communication Studies



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 Marianela Anderson | Sociology
 Fraya Andich | ELE: General
 Ashley Angel | Sociology
 Kristin Angell | ELE: General
 Jenna Annis | Biological Sciences



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 Corey Ascolani | OPD
 Steven Baker | MIS
 Kristen Balwierzczak | Communication Studies
 Katherine Barmantje | Marketing



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 Brittany Beach | Management
 Ronnie Beathea | General Studies
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 Cheryl Beebe | CDS
 Austin Bellino | ELE: General



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 Sarah Bigler | Political Science
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 Amanda Bilina | PED: Teacher Cert K-12





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Jessica Blake | ELE: General
Rachel Blisset | MIS
Rebecca Boone | FCS
Kristy Boorsma | History
Amanda Bosco | Early Childhood Education
Kyle Boudreau | KSS: Teacher Cert



Hilary Bowen | Psychology
Kristen Bowen | ELE: General
Kirstin Bowns | Sociology
Matthew Boyd | ELE: General
Melissa Boydston | Journalism
Emily Braden | FCS
Kelsey Brandt | Psychology



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Laura Brow | Marketing
Tyler Brown | Marketing
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Tasha Buchmiller | PED: Teacher Cert K-12
Megan Burrell | FCS
Shir'Mond Burroughs | Management



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Heather Byrne | History Teacher Cert
Angelica Cabel | Communication Studies
Julia Carlucci | English
Deanna Carr | FCS
Louis Carver | General Studies



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Samara Chapman | HST: Community Health
Christie Cheatle | Political Science
Brittany Chionis | Communication Studies
Daniel Chorzempa | Pre-Business Management

Dane Christensen | Geography
Jennifer Ciciora | Communication Studies
Michael Cimarolli | Physical Education
Brianna Clancy | Marketing
Caitlin Clancy | HST: Community Health
Daniel Clark | MIS
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Brittany Cole | FCS
Nina Coletta | Psychology
Kyle Collins | History
Colleen Connery | ELE: General



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James Cooper | Physical Education
Amanda Coots | FCS
Jhimere Craigen | FCS
Ashley Cundiff | FCS
Juston Curry | Biological Sciences
Jessica Curtis | Psychology



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Dennis Davis | Industrial Technology
Dominique Davis | General Studies
Erin Deegan | ELE: General
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Heather Derby | Communication Studies



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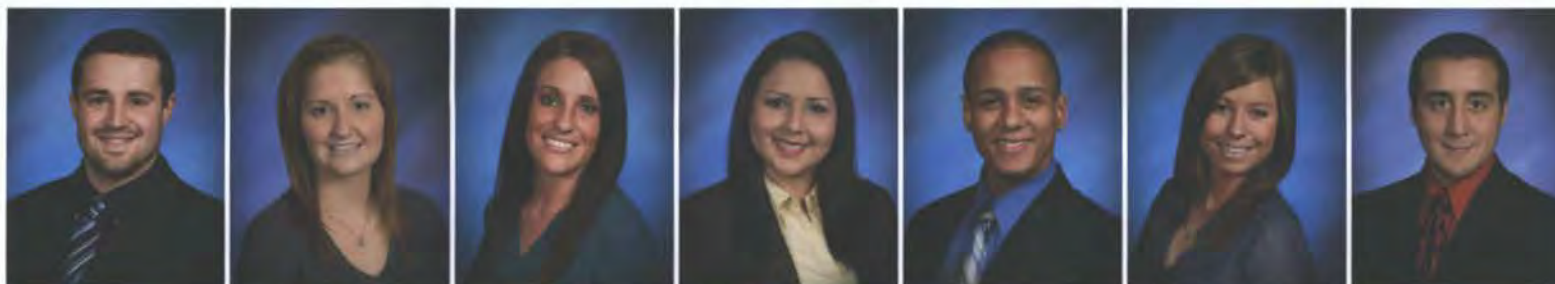


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The staff of the Warbler poses in their office, 1811 Buzzard Hall. First Row: Olivia Angeloff, Beth Steele, Kristin Jording, Danny Damiani; Second Row: Shea Lazansky, Zachary White, Brandyce Gordon Colleen Harrigan and Megan Johnson.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

As the book comes to an end, I think about my time at Eastern and the moments that define it. I think about the people I have met and the time I've spent with them.

Being Editor of the Warbler for two books has been a huge part of my college career and I have found a home and a family in the newsroom.

When it came time to plan my second book, I had some experience under my belt but no idea how to make it different. With a whole new staff we tackled the book and talked about what we wanted to do differently, and we made our vision come out in this book.

A yearbook representative told me, "Good luck topping this," as he held the 2010-2011 edition of the Warbler. I believe we made this book the best Warbler Eastern has seen.

I want to thank everyone personally for helping with everything, big or small.

As much as I am horrible at delegating, this book would not have been possible without everyone who participated. They really made this book what it is. I want to point out personally all of the people who had a major part in the book.

Danny Damiani: I've worked with you for three years and I've enjoyed every minute of it. I'm so thankful that I dragged you to that first yearbook meeting during the first week of your freshman year. You are an amazing photographer and I know you will do big things. I leave this book, my child, to you and I know you will continue what we've done. I think we have come a long way since we both started and I know you will take the book to a different level.

Colleen Harrigan: I'm so glad I recruited you to be my designer for Capture and that you continued to work for us this year. This book is completely your vision: classy, sleek and full of white space. Your design skills are beyond amazing. I love how you can look at something on Google and make it your own. I can't even think of the words to thank you for everything you've done for me. I know you'd do anything at the drop of a hat, and you are the most caring person I've ever met.

Olivia Angeloff: I'm so glad I found you or really that you found us. I've seen you grow as a photographer and as a leader this year. Thanks for always keeping things interesting with your facial expressions and quirky attitude.

Zachary White: From the moment I met you I was never really sure what to think about you. I'm glad I hired you without re-

ally knowing anything besides the fact that you were a bit cocky during our interview and that Sally really liked you. You always know how to keep everyone's spirits up. I also really respect the fact that you can own up to your mistakes. Never lose that trait.

Megan Johnson: You're always the quiet one in the meetings, but you always provide us with great ideas. I'm really glad that you chose to work for the yearbook this year and I don't know what we would have done without you.

Brandyce Gordon: I honestly don't know what I would have done without you. You've stepped up so much this year and it has really made a difference. You always take the story that no one else wants, and you always take it without complaining. I'm excited to see what the future holds for you, and I'm extremely happy that you came back to the Warbler.

Beth Steele and Shea Lazansky: You guys are the writing tone of the book and I thank you both for all the hard work you've put in. You both always have amazing ideas to make the book better than the last. I cannot thank you enough for all of the hard work and imagination you provide us.

Liz Viall: Thank you so much for helping us out the first semester. It was a rough semester and I'm glad I had you to come to. We loved all of the goodies you made us. It made our Sunday meetings much more enjoyable.

Sally Renaud: Although you weren't in the office that much in the first semester, I knew I could call you with any questions or concerns. You're always the cheerleader for the staff, which I really needed my last semester.

The Daily Eastern News Staff: Thank you guys for all of your support and help with this year's book. All of you were willing to help whenever we needed a favor. I'm so glad we have an open and collaborative relationship. I want to specifically thank Kim Foster, Audrey Sawyer, Nike Ogunbodede, Rachel Rodgers, Robyn Dexter, Seth Schroeder and Ashley Holstrom for your contributions.

The Daily Eastern News Sports Staff: Specifically, Dominic Renzetti, Jordan Pottoroff and Alex McNamee, you guys have helped so much with the book and I really appreciate your knowledge in sports. Without the sports staff, the sports section would be non-existent.

I want to thank the whole campus including students, faculty and staff for being so supportive. I hope everyone enjoys this book as much as we enjoyed putting it together.





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Defining Eastern in 240 pages turned out to be an almost impossible task. Regardless of all the stories, photos and memories shared, the complete story of Eastern cannot be told.

The definition will be ever-changing with each students' experience here. From the first time we walk onto campus to the time we walk across the stage, it is difficult to define even ourselves as individuals and, more so, our school as a whole as we illustrated in the photo on the left.

Throughout all our experiences we're looking for an answer, a description or a meaning to why and what we're doing at Eastern. When really, there are no words. Only experiences and lessons, but no exact definition of what Eastern means to us.

Eastern provides a second home, a platform for learning and an opportunity to meet incredible people. It provides laughs, tears and the qualities that develop each and every one of us. It is safe to say Eastern is, just as we thought, undefinable.

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March

March 2, 2011 — The fan bus to the Ohio Valley Conference for women's basketball was canceled. Student Senate approved \$2,000 for the trip, but the Apportionment Board did not approve the cost.

March 3, 2011 — Two Eastern students were arrested on charges of aggravated robbery, aggravated battery and unlawful restraint. The victim, a Lake Land College student, was hospitalized with a ruptured spleen, a concussion and broken arms.

March 6, 2011 — The Mr. EIU/Ms. EIU Fitness competition ended with three winners for the first time because of a new category, Ms. Physique. Winners were Megan Murphy, a junior psychology major, Tim Cline, a senior finance major, and Kelsey Orr, a kinesiology and sports studies major.

March 9, 2011 — The University Board announced Mike Posner and Far East Movement as the spring concert artists.

March 10, 2011 — Christine Miller, an off-duty police officer who pleaded guilty in December to four counts of first-degree manslaughter and one count of assault in the second degree in a DUI car crash that killed three Eastern graduate students in 2009, was sentenced to seven years in Missouri state prison.

March 23, 2011 — The campus lost power for a few hours causing classes to be canceled or professors to move classes onto the quads. The power on the north side of campus was restored within three hours and the south side an hour later.

March 30, 2011 — Spring concert tickets went on sale for Mike Posner and the Far East Side Movement. Student tickets were \$17.

March 31, 2011 — Mahyar Izadi was chosen as the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences Dean after a five-month search.

April

April 8, 2011 — Pops BBQ opened at 302 Madison Ave. It serves a variety of food.

April 12, 2011 — A guest speaker at the Sex Positive Fair,

Annie Sprinkles, showed her breasts to the audience during her performance. EIU Pride sponsored the fair.

April 15, 2011 — Mary Anne Hanner, dean of the College of Sciences, retired after 30 years of service. She worked her last 10 years as a dean.

April 20, 2011 — English professor David Raybin, an Eastern faculty member for 30 years, was chosen for the Distinguished Faculty Award.

April 22, 2011 — Members of the Financial Aid Office estimated they are saving about \$40,000 by communicating with students through email instead of traditional mail.

April 25, 2011 — Mike Posner and Far East Movement performed at Lantz Arena for the spring concert. During the concert, Posner pulled up a student during his song "Bow Chicka Wow Wow." He gave her a teddy bear and a kiss. The concert only sold 1,200 tickets; University Board was hoping to sell 3,000.

April 28, 2011 — Gary Reed, director of Facilities Planning and Management, was named The Daily Eastern News' Person of the Year.

April 28, 2011 — Eastern runner Zye Boey was named The Daily Eastern News' Athlete of the Year. The red-shirt junior competed in his first full season since a knee injury.

April 28, 2011 — Raven Smith pleaded guilty to one count of retail theft in exchange for the State's Attorney dropping the second charge of retail theft. He was arrested on Jan. 24 in connection with a theft at the Eastern bookstore.

May

May 7, 2011 — Graduation ceremonies took place in Lantz Arena.

May 17, 2011 — Former vice president for Student Affairs, Glenn Williams, died. He served Eastern from 1960 to 1992.

May 24, 2011 — Michael Conebise, department chairmen of geology and geography, was honored with the Distinguished Geographer Award.

June/July

June 9, 2011 — Mark Hudson, director of university Housing and Dining services, announced some floors in Carman Hall would be closed for the fall.

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June 16, 2011 — Health Alliance HMO, Health-Link OAP and Health Alliance Illinois signed 90-day contracts and became available as a Benefits Choice health plan for state employees.

June 21, 2011 — Incoming freshmen said Eastern's campus size was a major factor for why they chose to attend the university.

June 27, 2011 — Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich was convicted of a wide range of corruption charges, including trying to sell President Barack Obama's Senate seat.

June 2011 — Millions of cicadas invaded Charleston.

July 4, 2011 — Justin Moore played at Red, White & Blue days in Morton Park. Moore's album, "Outlaws Like Me," debuted at No. 5. and was the No. 1 album by July 4.

July 7, 2011 — Doudna's first summer event featured American roots duo Switchback and folk artist Mieka Pauley. Each played an hour-long set.

July 7, 2011 — Robert Webb was named the new chairman of the Board of Trustees. He has spent 35 years in higher education.

July 15, 2011 — "Harry Potter and the Deadly Hallows, Part 2," was released. It is based on the seventh and final book of the series.

August

Aug. 18, 2011 — Thirty-nine new faculty members participated in an orientation to Eastern, organized by the Faculty Development Office.

Aug. 23, 2011 — The east side of the Doudna Fine Arts Center, between the Black Box and the theater, was closed temporarily because two glass panels broke over the summer.

Aug. 24, 2011 — More than 100 registered student organizations took part in Pantherpalooza in the South Quad. They included academic, Greek, faith-based, social and charitable groups.

Aug. 26, 2011 — The art department faculty showed their work at an exhibit in the Tarble Arts Center. Included was the work of Bill Hubschmitt, a professor who died June 29.

Aug. 27, 2011 — The "Peace for Meece" Memorial 5K run to honor Ryan Meece, an Eastern cross-country runner from 1993-1998, took place on the Panther Trail around the practice fields. Red-shirt senior Olivia Klaus was the first woman to finish. Paul Howarth, a member of the Eastern's Striders' running club, won the men's division. Junior Britney Whitehead won the Reece Scholarship.

Aug. 28, 2011 — A leadership consultant from the Delta Chi fraternity is hoping to start a new chapter on campus. A bowling get-together was held in the MLK Jr. Union for those interested in joining.

Aug. 29, 2011 — Charleston police officers issued 104 drinking citations during the first weekend of the semester, surpassing the 94 citations handed out during 2010's opening weekend.

Aug. 30, 2011 — The remodeling of Taylor Dining Hall and Residence Hall is completed, including a new flatscreen TV, new chairs and new flooring. Mark Hudson, director of university Housing and Dining services, said the renovation cost \$2 million and was funded internally. In addition, new wireless routers made wireless Internet available in the halls.

September

Sept. 1, 2011 — Eastern's football team defeated Illinois State University, marking the 100th time Eastern and ISU have played against one another.

Sept. 7, 2011 — Information Technology Services employee Eric L. Knuth was charged with child pornography. This charge stemmed from a 2008 investigation by the governor's office of Executive Inspector General against eight university employees.

Sept. 8, 2011 — Students, faculty and other campus members reflected on the upcoming 10th anniversary of 9/11.

Sept. 9, 2011 — 2,975 flags were planted in front of Old Main in honor of the victims of Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Sept 13-15, 2011 — The Charleston Police Department responded to a 9-1-1 call about gunfire heard at 917 Reynolds Drive on Sept. 13. The police arrested Charles Stacy, 57, of Charleston, Thursday, Sept. 15, as a suspect in the gunfire incident.

Sept. 9, 2011 — Middle Eastern Ambassador Samir Shakir Mahmood Sumaide'ie visited Eastern to commend Iraqi War veterans. The ambassador also held a panel discussion in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Sept. 22, 2011 — Many students gathered outside Dounda Fine Arts Center to give out free hugs and "spread the love" in honor of World Peace Day.

Sept. 23, 2011 — President Bill Perry announced plans to renew his contract and continue his position at Eastern. His five-year contract was to end in 2012.

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Sept. 28, 2011 — Chong Kim, a human trafficking survivor, visited Eastern to share her story. More than 550 audience members participated in a discussion involving pornography, human trafficking, organ trading and drug trafficking.

Sept. 30, 2011 — More than 350 people marched through campus for Take Back the Night, a candlelight vigil in support of the fight against sexual violence.

Sept. 30, 2011 — Java Beanery & Bakery opened its outdoor café on the south side of the MLK Jr. Union.

October

Oct. 6, 2011 — The Eastern Green Space, between Klehm and Biological Sciences buildings, finally had grass grow after an almost six-month effort.

Oct. 7, 2011 — A grand opening was held for the Renewable Energy Center on 18th Street.

Oct. 8, 2011 — The '70s band Chicago played for the Family Weekend concert in Lantz Arena, and the movie "Cars" was shown in Buzzard Hall.

Oct. 12, 2011 — Housing and Dining announced that Thomas Hall plans to go co-ed for fall 2012.

Oct. 17, 2011 — Occupy EIU starts following the Occupy Wall Street movement by setting up tents and informational tables in the Library Quad outside the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Oct. 17, 2011 — Aaron Wiessing, sponsored by Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Timery Jackson, sponsored by the Black Student Union, were crowned 2011 Eastern Homecoming king and queen in McAfee Gymnasium.

Oct. 22, 2011 — Eric Blanchette, 30, a business major and Navy veteran, was found dead in his apartment. Coles County Coroner Ed Schniers said the cause of death was a cerebral hemorrhage.

Oct. 27 and 28, 2011 — UB Special Events & Carman Hall Council presented the annual "Terror on the 8th Floor," for \$1 admission or one canned food item from 7-10 p.m.

Oct. 30, 2011 — Dirty's Bar and Grill on the corner of Seventh Street and Lincoln Avenue opened.

November

Nov. 1, 2011 — The old steam plant on Eastern's campus will become the new Student Services Center. The building will be an all-in-one place where students can go to for records, admissions, financial aid and computer services with the current building having a possible addition to the west.

Nov. 6, 2011 — Diva Drag Show: Angels & Divas, a Bad Girls Club-inspired themed event, that EIU Pride faculty adviser Terri Fredrick said raised \$1,200 for sexual Assault Counseling & Information Service, took place in the Grand Ballroom in the MLK Jr. Union with divas strutting their stuff down the catwalk.

Nov. 12, 2011 — Eastern students dove into the cold waters of the Campus Pond to raise money for Eastern's chapter of Habitat for Humanity, an organization seeking to eliminate homelessness and poverty. "Freezin' for a Reason" is the motto for this year's "Panther Plunge." Students donated \$5 to jump into the freezing waters.

Nov. 14, 2011 — Robert Edward Henning, former chairman of the history department, died Nov. 11, 2011, at age 86. He was the chairman from 1974 to 1990.

Nov. 18, 2011 — The chemistry labs were broken into and destroyed. The police are working to figure out who did it and why.

Nov. 28, 2011 — James R. Jefchak, 23 year-old psychology major, of Orland Park, was found dead in his apartment over Thanksgiving break.

Nov. 28, 2011 — This marks the beginning of Red Week for AIDS Awareness. Activities throughout the week are geared to raise money and awareness for AIDS and AIDS prevention.

Nov. 29, 2011 — Eva Kor, a holocaust survivor, talked about her story of perseverance by telling the story of how she and her twin sister, Miriam, were forced to take part in the twin studies conducted by Josef Mengele while they were detained at Auschwitz. She used her experiences to educate people about human rights through the creation of the CANDLES Holocaust Museum and by serving as a guest lecturer about medical ethics.

December

Dec. 2, 2011 — The Illinois General Assembly approved \$33.5 million to assist with 2011-2012 Monetary Award Program funds.

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Dec. 2, 2011 — More than 130 red-shirted students attended the Red Show, which took place in the Grand Ball Room of the MLK Jr. Union and raised more than \$650.

Dec. 7, 2011 — As of this date, the state of Illinois owed Eastern \$6.4 million.

Dec. 7, 2011 — Students came out to talk about the effects of bullying and what could be done to stop it. Administrators, professors and students were united in singing: "I won't let go," by Rascal Flatts.

Dec. 8, 2011 — The Will Rogers Theatre on the square in Charleston closed its doors in the summer of 2010 but was bought by owners of the Majestic Theatre in Streator. The team plans to restore the theater to its original look, like when it first opened in 1938.

Dec. 8, 2011 — Rod Blagojevich, former governor of Illinois, was sentenced to 14 years in prison for corruption.

Dec. 9, 2011 — Dino Babers of Baylor University was named the head coach of the football team.

Dec. 12, 2011 — Bonnie Buckley, the executive director of Sexual Assault Counseling, retired after almost 33 years.

January

Jan. 9, 2012 — New traffic signs in pedestrian crosswalks in the middle of Fourth Street warn drivers to yield to pedestrians and a flashing speed monitor sign alerts drivers of their speed. It flashes when a driver is going over the posted 20 mph.

Jan. 18, 2012 — The day the Internet went dark. About 75,000 websites imposed a website blackout, in protest to the Stop Online Piracy Act that was introduced to the House of Representatives. SOPA would give the attorney general the authorization to issue a court order requiring U.S. Internet companies to eliminate American access to foreign piracy websites.

Jan. 19, 2012 — A town hall-style meeting hosted by journalism professor Janice Collins was held in Buzzard Hall to raise awareness of what bullying does to those being bullied.

Jan. 20, 2012 — Eastern's Board of Trustees approved an increase in room and board rates for 2012-2013, \$128 to \$145 per semester (a 3.25 percent increase), depending on the chosen meal plan. Room and board rates will range from \$4,069 per semester for the 7 Plus Meal Option to \$4,587 for the 15 Plus Meal Option.

Jan. 30, 2012 — The cost of the Basic Skills Test for education majors is to increase to \$125 in April 2012. The tests will also be

given on the computer instead of paper starting on Feb. 1.

Jan. 30, 2012 — The Penalty Box got its liquor license revoked for selling alcohol to an intoxicated minor, failing to report sales and filing false reports.

Jan. 31, 2012 — Penalty Box is repealing its license revocation. During the appeal the bar was allowed to be open and serving alcohol.

February

Feb. 6, 2012 — Runoko Rashidi, a historian, research writer, writer and world traveler, spoke about African culture and how it influences the rest of the world. His main encouragement to students was to “keep an open mind.”

Feb. 9, 2012 — Jock n’ Roll, hosted by the Student Athletic Advisory Committee, raised money to send student veterans to the OVC basketball championships in March. The winners of the night were the women’s volleyball team with its skit, “Student Athlete Problems.”

Feb. 9, 2012 — Facebook gets the presence of Eastern Memes. The memes are pictures on the Facebook page that show aspects of Eastern in a way that seems to poke fun at the university. David Jackson, Ryan Snodgrass and Alex Hayward started the page when they were on duty as night assistants.

Feb. 13, 2012 — Debit cards are now accepted in the University Food Court. Now there are four different methods of payment: cash, chip, dining dollars and debit cards.

Feb. 13, 2012 — The child pornography trial of Eric Knuth, charged in December 2008 with displaying an image of child pornography on his computer, is extended to April because of an illness.

Feb. 16, 2012 — A poetry reading took place in the 7th Street Underground for the group SpeakEasy, an educational group that writes poetry about African-Americans. Poems at the event covered environmental impacts of urban societies and living in an African-American society.

Feb. 21, 2012 — Shannon Storm, Julie Runyon and Heather Santos, staff members of Ninth Street Hall, were put on leave “for a couple of days” after being taken to the hospital when the sealant that was being used for construction on the first floor caused gas fumes to be released into the building.

Feb. 25, 2012 — Keiyanna Franklin, a senior special education major, was named Miss Black EIU for 2012. The scholarship pageant was held the MLK Jr. Union.

WARBLER COLOPHON

The 2011-2012 Warbler Yearbook Vol. 93 was created entirely by a student staff. The Warbler yearbook has been the official Eastern yearbook since 1919.

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